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“The lost cannot be recovered; but let us save what remains; not by vault and locks which fence them from the public eye and use, in consigning them to the waste of time, but by such a multiplication of copies as shall place them beyond the reach of accident.”

Thomas Jefferson

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SALEM PRECINCT

The first white men to settle in Edwards County, though briefly, were the three Daston brothers who came in 1800. Nothing is known of them except that they lived by hunting and fishing, and when later settlers came, their empty cabins were found standing in sections 10 and 15, Township 1 North, Range 14 West, northeast of the present site of West Salem.

The first permanent settler in the precinct was Ransom Higgins, who claimed the distinction of making the first wagon tracks west of the Wabash River. He settled on Bonpas Creek near Lancaster and settled just inside the county in Section 3 where a year or two later, he erected a water mill for grinding grain.

The first land owner in the vicinity was Isaac Greathouse who made his land entry 21 August 1821. This tract of land lies about two and one-half or three miles directly west of West Salem.

In 1821 there were two other important arrivals: George C. Walser and his brother-in-law, Lampton McKinney. George Walser selected the site for his home just north of Walser Creek, and McKinney built his home south of Walser Creek. The McKinney family did not remain permanently, but drifted back and forth between here and their Indiana home, which was near Hope, Indiana where there was a Moravian Church. It was probably with the influence of these two men, Walser and McKinney, that a Moravian settlement was established in the area. Also in 1821, Enoch Greathouse settled in Section 13 and Lot Sams, two miles south in section 25, where he founded Samsville.

The second land entry in the area was made 14 September 1822 by Henry I. Mills in the neighborhood known as Mills Prairie. Mills Prairie was the location of the first post office in the area. In 1830 Mr. Mills built the first brick house in the community. Also in 1822, William Lock settled in the precinct, while Thomas Mason established himself in the extreme northwest corner of the precinct.

During the decade from 1820 to 1830, several other families moved into the area, including Benjamin Ulm, Sarah Aldridge, and Joseph Robinson. In 1825, the first wagon maker, Joseph Carpenter, came to the settlement.

In the years 1829 and 1830 there were several families from the Moravian community of Salem, North Carolina, who came with their families and all their possessions to make new homes for themselves in this wilderness. Among them were Adam Hedrick, George Hendrick, Philip Rothrock, Briton and Thomas Walser, John Lopp and Peter Hinkle. Peter Hinkle set up a blacksmith shop in his barn in 1831. It was in this barn that the organization of the Moravian Church, locally, occurred.

In 1838 several more families arrived from Winston-Salem, among them the Clodfelter families. Kellen Clodfelter put up the first saw mill in the community in 1840 in Section 8. In 1843 Martin Houser visited the area and in May 1844 a church was organized in Peter Hinkle's barn. See the West Salem history for a continuation of the settlement of this area.

SHELBY PRECINCT

The first permanent white settlement in Edwards County was made by a group who came from Tennessee by wagon and spent one year in Grayville prior to settling in Shelby Precinct in 1815. The group included the families of Jonathan Shelby, Thomas Carney, John Bell, Lot Sams, and Isaac Greathouse. Shelby built a cabin on the NW ¼ of Section 34, T 1 N, Range 10 E and soon established himself as a successful farmer with several acres under cultivation. In 1831, he moved to the present site of Bennington and constructed a water grist mill on the Little Wabash. Carney located near Shelby's first home and became a well known civic leader of that area. For a common

water supply, the two men dug a well half way between their homes. During the second year they had six acres of corn which was considered a good showing. In 1832 Carney constructed a grist mill operated by horse power. Bell settled just north of the Shelby farm.

Lot Sams came by pack horse instead of by wagon and settled about one mile east of Shelby but later moved to Section 25 where he founded Samsville. The little village operated a post office for the surrounding area and was the home of Dr. Buxton for many years. Isaac Greathouse stayed only a short time then returned to Kentucky because of his fear of Indian raids. However, he returned in 1821 and settled just east of present Route 130 in Salem Precinct. Others who entered land in this area within the next few years included Isaac Rogers, L. White and L. May, Mathias Mounts, Henry Ayres, S. Hill, and J. and J. Dunlap. A small community grew up here in the vicinity of the present Black Store known as Centerville. In later years it consisted of a blacksmith shop, a store and two or three dwellings.

Early settlers in the north part of the precinct included M. Doherty, R. Marshall, H. Warmoth, and C. Madding. Best known of these was Champion Madding who came from Tennessee. He was a captain in the Black Hawk War and led a company in the final attack which crushed the rebellion. He was also well known as a Baptist minister.

In 1820 a group of Indian hunters entered Shelby Precinct and in a short time killed 500 does. This they accomplished by hiding near water holes and imitating the cry of a fawn.

ALBION

In 1815 at the close of the Napoleonic Wars, England was overwhelmed by economic, social and political unrest. A false economy and inflation (supported by the 20-year war with France) collapsed, creating high unemployment, drastic poor relief rolls and a ruinous system of taxation. Particularly hard hit were landowners who had to support the poor via taxation and yet were receiving disastrously low prices for agricultural products. Such a landowner was Richard Flower, born 1761, of Marden Hall, Hertfordshire, England. It was at this time that Richard and his wife, Elizabeth Fordham, began planning to leave "disturbed and tumultuous England" with their family. Richard, a prosperous brewer, was a well-educated man; a writer with a strong desire for independence, with liberal tendencies, a dislike of cities and a deep sympathy for the working class, particularly farmers.

Richard Flower commissioned his eldest son, George, then in his late twenties (b. 1786), to investigate possibilities for emigration for the Flower family; first in France and then in the United States. During his trip through France, George traveled with Morris Birkbeck whose ideas of freedom and interest in agriculture were very compatible with the Flower's. France was not to their liking, not only was language a barrier, but the strong influence of the military and clergy was objectionable to their spirit of independence. In April 1816, George Flower left Liverpool for New York, a crossing that took 50 days. Once in the United States, he made a long, circuitous trip on horseback from New York to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Lexington, Kentucky and Nashville, Tennessee, culminating at Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello in Virginia where he spent the winter months. During this trip he visited with many intellectual and influential men, evaluating settlements and studying America.

In the meanwhile, Morris Birkbeck was planning and organizing his departure in Wanborough, England and in Hertfordshire, Richard Flower was selling the family businesses and lands to acquire funds for an English settlement in America.

By spring George was convinced that the best place for the English Settlement was not in the established East or the South with its odious institution of slavery, but in the West, on the prairies about which he had read. He was about to return to England when he learned that Mr. Birkbeck and his party had arrived in Richmond, Virginia where he hastened to join them. This party consisted of Mr. Birkbeck; his two daughters, aged 19 and 16; and two of his sons, aged 16 and 14; Miss Eliza Julia Andrews, 25; Elias Pym Fordham, a nephew of Elizabeth Fordham Flower, aged 29, and educated as an engineer; and two servants.

ough, participated in social, cultural and educational events for which Park House was the headquarters. Among these early families appreciated by Richard Flower were names still familiar in Albion, the William Hall family, John Tribe and the William Clark family, all of Surrey; George Woodham and William Harris, John Brissenden, William and John Wood of Leicestershire and Samuel Prichard of Bampsted, England. Alan Emmerson built on Little Prairie in 1817.

Much original energy by both founding families was devoted in the beginning to surveying, building, fencing, laying out fields and lots rather than the usual hasty putting out a first crop to satisfy the immediate need for food in the new settlement. This established a good foundation and was made possible by the nearness of Father Rapp's Harmony where all necessities were abundantly available. Mr. Faux wrote in 1819 that "much in Albion has been done by the purse of Mr. Flower."

All together the contributions of "the old gentleman," as Richard Flower was called, were significant, including his contract with Father Rapp of Harmony to sell the Rappite community in 1824/25, which he did to Robert Owen, Scottish mill owner. It should also be mentioned that after the election of Edward Coles as governor of Illinois in August 1822, the State of Illinois was in crisis over the slavery question. Richard Flower and his son, George, Morris Birkbeck and his son-in-law, Gilbert Pell, played an important and successful part in an 18-month political contest when an attempt was made to change the free state constitution into a constitution tolerating slavery. Many years later it was written "that the balance was turned to a free state was in no small measure due to these men from the English Settlement."

Mr. Birkbeck, because of his anti-slavery work, was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Edward Coles, but his appointment was not confirmed by a pro-slavery Senate, so he served only three months.

Thus, Albion, in a few short years, became a town and a thriving one with a population of 1,100 souls. But let John Woods speak through his *Two Years Residence in the Settlement of the English Prairie*. On July 16, 1821 he wrote, "Our country is settling pretty fast . . . Albion is made the county town since which it is much improved, and many English and American families are now settled at it."

BENNINGTON

Jonathan Shelby, in 1833, moved from where he had originally settled in Edwards County in 1815 just north of the base line, to a position on the Little Wabash River in the NW quarter of section 18, township 1 north, range 10 east. He was permitted to "build a water grist-mill, and a dam across the river, not exceeding eight feet in height".

About five years later, Shelby sold the mill and land to Dr. Ezra Baker for \$1,250. Baker had grand visions for a city to spring up on the river-route, where it was intersected by the road that led from Albion to Salem on the old National Road. In 1836 the state of Illinois had launched an "Internal Improvements Program" which, among other projects, called for the development of the Little Wabash River for transportation and the building of the Southern Cross Railroad through Edwards County. This was one of the important factors encouraging Baker to speculate in establishing a new town.

On 14 September 1839 there was recorded a plat of the town of Bennington. It had been surveyed and platted by Sidney Spring, who had also platted its rival town, Marion, three miles to the northeast. The plat of the town featured a public square, blocks lettered from A to Z and fourteen out-lots. The river ran along four or five blocks on the western edge of town, at an average distance of about 500 feet. The space between was left vacant, and was marked on the plat, "Reserved by the Proprietor for mfg. and hydraulic purposes." The town included a sawmill to provide lumber for the homes, and the grist-mill for food. Large quantities of timber and good farmland surrounded the town. The road and Little Wabash River tied them to other markets and the county seat at Albion.

The first lot was sold in September, 1840 to Isaac Sherman. It was a choice lot, fronting on the area reserved for the manufacturing district. Another family to arrive early in this area was that of Marvin Powers Blood. He and a group of friends

had moved from Bennington, Vermont in 1837 and settled in Lawrence County, Illinois. Shortly thereafter they came to northern Edwards County and settled at Bennington. The settlement was known as 'Blood' for some time. Dr. Baker erected a frame water mill there in 1842.

Not long after the first settlers arrived in Bennington, the "Internal Improvements Program" of the state was about to collapse. This would mean that the development of railroads and rivers by the state would soon stop. With the fate of the Little Wabash and Bennington so clearly in sight, Dr. Ezra Baker transferred his attention to his other town, on the already navigable Big Wabash River, in Wabash County. It had been platted for him in 1838 and was named Rochester.

Some people also blame the failure of the town of Bennington, and also of Marion, on the moving of the state capital from Vandalia to Springfield in 1838. The new towns in Edwards County expected to do a thriving business with people passing through on their way to and from the capital at Vandalia. The move to Springfield put an end to this.

Thus, Bennington became a quiet, little mill-site for several years. Jones and Walser erected a fine two and one-half story mill in Bennington in 1865. It burned about five years later.

In 1893 the town of Bennington was resurrected as a trade center for the surrounding area and at one time boasted two stores. It also served as a sawmill center and fishing center.

BONE GAP

The pretty little village of Bone Gap, situated in the eastern part of this county on the Illinois Central Railroad, is a solid conservative locality in the midst of a fine agricultural country.

After the red men had been driven far beyond the great Mississippi River, white hunters who made regular trips up and down the Bonpas, Indian Creek, and Buck Creek, as early as 1815, discovered large piles of bones near a large gap in the timber, which at that time covered a high ridge extending from north to south dividing on the east what was then known as Bonpas Prairie and Buck Prairie on the west. To the point where this gap in the timber on the ridge was found, in addition to the piles of bones, a number of mounds in the edge of the woods resembling the graves of human beings. These same hunters in 1815 named the place Bone Gap. That the collection of these bones and the building of these mounds was the work of Indians there can be no doubt.

The hunters always referred to this place when talking to early settlers by calling it Bone Gap. It was the opinion of both the hunters as well as the early settlers that this had been a battle ground where the warring tribes had met and slaughtered each other. No doubt here at various times, some of them had returned and made this a camping ground as well as burial place. It may have been a common burial ground as one by one they laid their comrades to rest, and thus the place became sacred to the uncivilized race, the name of which shall go down in history as long as time shall last.

In 1854 a log school house was built at this gap in the edge of the timber. The seats were made of hewn timber which had no backs to lean against. This log school house was called Bone Gap school until it was torn down in 1866 and new ones took its place. Thos. R. Bircket, who for about forty years was county surveyor of Edwards county, was one of the teachers in the old log school house, and he became Bone Gap's first business man in 1867 when he erected a general store near the old Bone Gap site. He secured a post office at the place, and applied to the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C., which furnished a stamp which read "BONE GAP"; thus he became the first postmaster of Bone Gap.

The Peoria, Decatur, and Evansville Railroad (P. D. and E.) was built through about one-half mile west of Old Bone Gap in 1880-1881. When the railroad was finished in 1881 the new town of Bone Gap grew up on each side of the railroad track. William Morgan moved his store from Old Bone Gap to the new location and others followed. Soon Old Bone Gap no longer existed and the new Bone Gap was a thriving railroad town. The town built wooden walks to all the business houses and to the residences. In a few years the walks had all decayed and lumber was too high to build more. In the course of a few years the old walks were replaced by concrete walks which now extend to nearly all residences as well as to all business

TOWN II RANGE X

TOWN I TOWN II

2	North West					
	North East	EDMONSTONE, JAMES	9	7	0	0
	South West					
	South East					
3	North West	CLARKE, W.	2	7	0	0
	North East	HUSTON, H.	10	3	0	0
	South West					
	South East					
4	North West					
	North East					
	South West	CANNAN, C.	3	2	1	0
	South East					
5	North West					
	North East					
	South West					
	South East	BAILEY, EDWARD	4	4	1	0
6	North West					
	North East					
	South West					
	South East					
7	North West					
	North East					
	South West	BEASLEY, BOSWELL	3	4	0	0
	South East					
8	North West					
	North East					
	South West	HUSTON, JAMES	4	8	1	0
	South East					
9	North West	WEST, E.&A.	4	2	1	0
	North East					
	South West					
	South East					
10	North West					
	North East					
	South West					
	South East					
11	North West	VILLAGE OF WANBOROUGH	52	23	7	1
	North East					
	South West	BIRKBECK, MORRIS	6	0	0	0
	South East	PELL, GILBERT T.	2	1	1	0
12	North West	EMMERSON, ALLAN	3	5	1	0
	North East	JACKSON, JAMES	3	0	0	0
	South West	HARTLEY, MICHAEL	2	0	0	0
	South East					
13	North West					
	North East	HALL, WILLIAM	4	7	0	0
	South West					
	South East	EMMERSON, URIEL	2	3	1	0
14	North West					
	North East					
	South West	SKINNER, B.	3	3	0	0
	South East					
15	North West					
	North East					
	South West					
	South East					
16	North West					
	North East					
	South West					
	South East					
17	North West					
	North East					
	South West					
	South East					
18	North West					
	North East	STAPLEFORD, T.W.N. & HUNT, J.	8	6	1	0
	South West					
	South East	ELLIS,	2	6	1	0
19	North West	HUNT, H.	3	2	0	0
	North East	LANE, WILLIAM	3	0	0	0
	South West					
	South East					
20	North West					
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22	North West					
	North East					
	South West					
	South East					
23	North West					
	North East					
	South West	HUNT, T.	3	6	0	0
	South East					
24	North West					
	North East	SPRING, MRS.	2	3	0	0
	South West					
	South East	LANE, R.	3	6	1	0
25	North West					
	North East					
	South West					
	South East					
		TOTAL	142	111	17	1

PLAN OF WANBOROUGH

4	29	3	30	2	31	1	32
5	28	6	27	7	26	8	25
9	21	10	22	11	23	12	24
13	20	14	19	15	18	16	17
17	13	18	14	19	15	20	16
21	12	22	11	23	10	24	9
25	5	26	6	27	7	28	8
29	4	30	3	31	2	32	1

TABLE POPULATION OF WANBOROUGH 1822

LOTS	NAMES OF OCCUPIERS	OVER		UNDER		BIRTHS		DEATHS	
		18	18	18	18	NAT.	ACD'T.		
1									
2	COLLYER, EDWARD	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	WOODHAMS, GEORGE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4									
5									
6	KNIGHT, WILLIAM	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7									
8									
9									
10	HINDE, THOMAS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	BACKHOUSE, RICHARD	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12									
13	KNIGHT, STEPHEN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	PENFOLD, ABR.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	COOPER, SENIOR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	CLARKE, WILLIAM	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
17									
18	GILL, THOMAS	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

19	COOPER, JAMES	2	3	1	0	0	
20							
21							
22							
23	TRIBE, JOHN Lawyer	2	1	1	0	0	
24	COLLYER, JOHN Lawyer	2	1	1	1 (3 months)		
25	HANKS, FRANCIS Store	3	2	1	0	0	
26							
27	HEARSUM,	4	1	0	0	0	
28							
29							
30	PLACE OF WORSHIP						
31							
32	PRICHARD, MRS.	9			0	0	
OUTLOTS							
	WOODS, GEORGE Tavern	5	4	1	0	0	
	BROWN, THOMAS Shoemaker	2	5	1	0	0	
	BONSLEY, JOHN Brick	2	0	0	0	0	
	GILLARD,	2	1	1			
	CLARKE, WILLIAM	2	7				
TOTAL		52	23	7	1	0	

TABLE CONTAINING THE NAMES OF PERSONS WHO SETTLED IN THE DISTRICT OF 100 QUARTER SECTIONS (MAP), THE DATE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SETTLEMENT, NUMBER OF PERSONS ON DECEMBER 31, 1822, AND THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THEIR FAMILIES SINCE THEIR SETTLEMENT UP TO THAT PERIOD. ALSO NUMBER OF HORSES AND WHEEL CARRIAGES.

NO.	DATE	RESIDENT	OV. 18	UN. 18	BIRTHS	DEATHS NAT.	HORSE ACD'T.	CARRIAGE	
3	1819	EDMONDSTONE, JAMES	9	7	0	0	0	4	1
6	1819	CLARKE, WILLIAM	2	7	1	1	0	2	2
18	1818	CANNAN, C.	3	2	2	1	0	1	1
19	1818	BAILEY, E.	4	4	2	0	0	1	0
11	1817	EMBREY, J.	2	3	0	0	0	2	1
16	1817	HUSTON, H.	10	3	0	0	0	4	1
17	1817	WEST, E.	2	1	1	0	0	3	1
27	1817	WEST, ALEX.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
34	1817	BEASLEY, BOSWELL	3	4	2	0	0	1	0
36	1817	HUSTON JAMES	4	8	3	0	1	4	1
43	1819	JACKSON, JAMES	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
44	1817	EMMERSON, ALLEN	3	5	2	1	0	2	0
45	1821	HALL, WILLIAM	4	7	0	0	1	1	0
42		VILLAGE OF WANBORO	48	19	11	4	0	10	2
52	1817	BIRKBECK, MORRIS	6	0	0	0	0	4	1
67	1822	COLLYER, JOHN	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
54	1817	COOPER, JAMES	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
55	1819	EMMERSON, URIEL	2	3	1	0	0	2	0
58	1817	SKINNER, BEN.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
60	1817	STAPLEFORD, NOAH	3	3	1	1	0	2	0
65	1817	HUNT, JEFFERSON	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
65	1817	WOODLANDS, WILLIAM	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
67	1817	LANE, WILLIAM	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	75	1818	ELLIS, J.	2	6	2	0	0	0

87	1820	SPRING, MRS.	2	3	0	0	0	6	1
96	1817	HUNT, THOMAS	3	6	1	1	0	1	1
97	1816	LANE, ROLAND	3	6	6	0	0	2	1
		PELL, G. T.	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
		FAMILIES REMOVED	17	17	8	3	0	0	

157 128 59 14 2 58 15

"These 251 persons compose forty-five families, twelve of which inhabit brick or frame houses, four live in hewn log cabins with stone or brick chimneys, fifteen of these families are without glass windows, but all have a plank floor.

Of these forty-five families, twenty six depend entirely on agriculture. There is one miller, one carpenter, one blacksmith, one wheelwright, one taylor (sic), one shoemaker, (one of the farmers is also a shoemaker), one brick layer, a brewer, a storekeeper, a tavern keeper, two families who follow no profession, living upon their income, and the remaining seven are lawyers and laborers living with only two exceptions upon their own Lots and those two are now about purchasing lots.

Mr. Pell is representative for the County and is also a magistrate. A. Emmerson, E. West, J. Embrey, are likewise magistrates, and William Lane and A. Emmerson are Captain, and Lieutenant of a Militia Company. There are 52 men in the district between the age of forty five and 18, liable to be called upon to bear arms and who must attend Muster six times a year or in default, forfeit one dollar each time. Rather a greater number, the age extending from 18 to 50, are liable to be called upon to work upon the road, five days in the year; the forfeit for non-attendance, one dollar a day.

The number of acres in cultivation I cannot ascertain, hardly any farmer having measured his quantity, but I may safely say they do not exceed 550; of these Mr. Birkbeck has 100 acres.

Many farmers work oxen the number of these, and of cows, I cannot enumerate; they are not under 270. Sheep are scarce, not more than 50. Hogs are very numerous, but not to be reckoned; few persons knowing the number of their own stock.

There are not more than 5,000 acres of Prairie in the district, the remaining 11,000 are woodland."

POPULATION OF WANBOROUGH 1823

LOT	NAME OF	O.	U.	BIRTHS	DEATHS	PROFESSIONS
NO.	OCCUPIERS	18	18	NAT.	ACD'T.	
2	MANN, JOHN	2	0	0	0	FARMER E
3	WOODHAM, GEORGE	2	0	0	0	WHEELER E
6	NIGHT, WILLIAM	2	1	0	0	MILLERWRIGHT E
10	HINDE, THOMAS	2	1	0	0	MILLER E
11	BACKHOUSE, RICHARD	3	0	0	0	BREWER E
13	KNIGHT, STEPHEN	1	0	0	0	TAYLOR E
14	PENFOLD, AB	4	1	0	0	BLACKSMITH E
15	COOPER, JAMES	3	0	0	0	STOREKEEPER E
16	HOBSON, MRS.	1	2	0	0	
18	GILL, THOMAS	3	3	0	0	LABORER E
24	BONSLEY, JOHN	2	0	0	0	BRICK-LAYER E
25	HANKS, FRANCIS	2	1	0	0	FARMER E
27	HEARSUM, DAVID	3	1	1	1	
30	TRIBE, JOHN	3	2	1	0	CARPENTER E

31	BROWN, THOMAS	2	6	0	0	0	SHOEMAKER	A
32	PRITCHARD, MRS.	8	0	0	0	0		
Outlots								
	WOODS, GEORGE	3	4	1	1	0	WEAVER	E
	GLAZIER, JOSEPH	2	1	0	0	0	LABORER	E
	BENNETT,	2	1	0	0	0	FARMER	E
		50	24	3	2	0		

1824

3	WOODHAM, GEORGE	2	1	1	0	0	WHEELER	E
6	AYRES, THOMAS	1	0	0	0	0	MILLER	E
10	HINE, THOMAS	2	0	0	0	0	MILLERWRIGHT	E
11	BACKHOUSE, RICHARD	2	0	0	0	0	BREWER	E
13	WOODS, GEORGE	3	4	0	0	0	WEAVER	E
14	PENFOLD, AB	4	1	0	0	0	BLACKSMITH	E
15	COOPER SR., JAMES	3	0	0	0	0	STOREKEEPER	E
16	KNIGHT, WILLIAM	2	1	0	0	0	MILLWRIGHT	E
18	GILL, THOMAS	2	3	0	0	0	LABORER	E
24	BONSLEY, JOHN	2	1	1	0	0	BRICKLAYER	E
25	HANKS, F.	2	1	0	0	0	FARMER	E
27	HEARSUM, DAVID	2	0	0	0	0		
30	TRIBE, JOHN	2	3	1	0	0	LAWYER	
31	BROWN, THOMAS	3	6	1	0	0	SHOEMAKER	A
32	PRICHARD, MRS.	7	0	0	0	0		
Outlot								
	BENNETT,	2	1	0	0	0	LABORER	E
		41	22	4	0	0		

TABLE OF POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 31, 1823

NO.	RESIDENT	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTH NAT.	DEATHS ACDT.	HORSES	CARRIAGE
3	EDMONDSTONE, JAMES	6	7	1	0	0	1
6	CLARK, WILLIAM	4	5	0	0	0	2
11	PARMENTER,	2	1	1	0	0	0
16	HUSTON, H.	9	4	0	0	0	1
18	CANNAN, C.	2	3	1	0	0	1
19	BAILEY, E.	3	4	0	0	0	0
22	COLLYER, E.	2	3	1	0	0	1
27	WEST, E.	2	1	0	0	0	1
27	WEST, A.	2	1	1	0	0	0
34	BEASLEY, B.	3	4	1	0	0	0
36	HUSTON, WILLIAM	3	8	0	0	0	0
37							
42	VILLAGE OF WANBORO	50	24	3	2	0	5
43	GILLARD, JAMES	2	1	0	0	0	0
43							
44	EMMERSON, A.	3	5	0	0	0	0
45	HALL, WILLIAM	4	6	0	0	0	0
52	BIRKBECK, MORRIS	5	0	0	0	0	1
52	PELL, G. T.	3	1	0	0	0	2

54	COOPER, JAMES	2	3	0	0	0	1	0
55	EMMERSON, URIEL	3	4	0	0	0	2	0
58	SKINNER, BENJAMIN	3	3	0	0	0	1	0
62	COLLYER, JOHN	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
65	WOODLANDS, JOHN	2	4	1	0	0	0	0
65	STAPLEFORD, NOAH	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
65								
67	LANE, WILLIAM	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
68	HUNT, H.	3	2	0	0	0	2	1
74								
75	ELLIS,	2	6		0	0	0	0
86								
87	SPRING, S.	4	2	0	0	0	9	1
96	HUNT, THOMAS	3	5	0	0	0	1	1
97	LANE, ROLLAND FAMILY WHO HAVE LEFT	3	6	0	0	0	2	0
				1	0	0		

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TABLE OF POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT
December 31, 1824

NO.	RESIDENT	OV. 18	UN. 18	BIRTH	DEATHS NAT.	HORSES ACDT.	CARRIAGE
3	EDMONDSTONE, JAMES	6	6	0	0	0	1
6	CLARK, WILLIAM	4	5	0	0	0	2
7	HUSTON, C.	3	0	1	0	0	0
18	CANNAN, C.	3	2	0	2	0	0
19	BAILEY, E.	4	5	1	0	0	0
11	HOWERTON,	4	2	0	0	0	0
16	HUSTON, H.	4	4	0	0	0	1
27	WEST, A	3	2	1	0	0	1
34	BEASLEY, B.	2	4	0	0	0	1
36	HUSTON, MRS.	2	8	0	0	0	2
22	COLLYER, J. & E.	4	5	1	0	0	1
43	LUCAS, WILLIAM	2	1	1	0	0	1
44	EMMERSON, A.	3	5	0	0	0	1
45	HALL, WILLIAM	4	6	0	0	0	2
45	AYRES, C.	2	3	0	0	0	0
52	BIRKBECK, MORRIS	5	0	0	0	0	4
51	PELL, T. G.	3	2	1	0	0	1
54	COOPER JR, JAMES	2	4	1	0	0	1
55	EMMERSON, URIEL	3	3	0	0	0	3
55	EDMONDSTONE, WILLIAM	2	1	1	0	0	1
58	SKINNER, B.	3	3	0	0	0	1
65	STAPLEFORD, NOAH	3	2	0	0	0	1
65	WOODLANDS, JOHN	3	4	0	0	0	1
65	MANN, JOHN	2	0	0	0	0	1
68	SPORTSMAN	4	7		0	0	
75	ELLIS, JAMES	2	7	1	0	0	0
87	SPRING, S.	5	2	1	0	0	6
96	HUNT, T.	2	2	0	0	0	1
97	LANE, R.	3	6	0	0	0	0
81	HOGAN,	2	3				1
42	VILLAGE OF WANBORO	41	22	4	0	0	13
43	GILLARD, JAMES	2	2	1	0	0	0
		137	128	15	2	0	47
							19

"This population of 265 persons composes forty nine families. There are seventy seven children under seven years of age, between seven and eighteen there are seventy-six males and twenty six females, from eighteen to fifty, males sixty-nine, females fifty-two, and above fifty, eight males, and seven females. The regular moderate laborer of thirty of the most effective of these men assisted by half that number of women, to take charge of the dairy and with thirty horses and fifteen yoke of oxen properly employed upon 600 acres of cultivated land and 1,000 more regularly laid down in timothy, clover, and pasture, wood supply, ample sustenance for double this population allowing eight bushels of wheat and 200 lbs. of meat annually to each individual with poultry, cheese, butter, milk, spirits, beer, wine, and in a few years cider, in plenty; and fruit and vegetables in abundance. This strength would also raise a large surplus of wool, hemp, flax, and cotton. The manufacture of which might employ a part of the remainder of the population, some would be engaged in the various branches of handicraft and a few in the most important of all occupations, the care and education of the rising generation. At present these families are scattered over a surface of 16,000 acres, without many of the conveniences and most of the comforts of life, except they are supplied from another source than that of their own exertions, although they are settled upon a fertile soil, under a fine healthy climate and in the fullest profession of civil and religious liberty.

A few families first settled on this District of 25 square miles in the year 1817.

There were on 31 December :

YEAR	PERSONS	BIRTHS	DEATHS
1818	80	6	2
1819	173	10	3
1820	216	10	2
1821	228	8	2
1822	253	18	1
1823	254	11	2
1824	265	15	1
1825	231	10	2
1826	222	14	4

The proportion of deaths for the first seven years of the settlement have on an annual average been as 2 to 210 1/7 and of births as 11 1/7 to 210 1/7, of the deaths — adults 8, under 18 — 2, infants 4. Two accidental deaths, and one natural one, of a child which died a few days after its birth, in a family which left the district before end of the year, 1822, are not noticed."

TABLE OF POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT
December 31, 1825

NO.	RESIDENT	OV. 18	UN. 18	BIRTH	DEATHS NAT.	HORSES ACDT.	CARRIAGE
3	EDMONDSTONE, JAMES	5	6	0	1	0	0
6	CLARK, WILLIAM	3	5	0	0	0	0
7	HUSTON, C.	3	0	0	0	0	0
11	HOWERTON,	2	4	0	0	0	0
16	HUSTON, H.	4	4	0	0	0	0
18	CURRY,	3	4	0	0	0	0
19	BAILEY, E.	2	4	0	0	0	0
22	COLLYER, E.	2	4	0	0	0	0
27	WEST, A.	2	2	0	0	0	0
34	McWHORTER, A.	2	4	0	0	0	0
36	HUSTON, MRS.	2	8	0	0	0	0
42	VILLAGE OF WANBORO	29	21	1	1	0	0
44	EMMERSON, A.	2	7	2	0	0	0
45	HALL, WILLIAM	4	6	0	0	0	0
52	BIRKBECK, B.	4	1	1	0	1	0
52	HANKS, F.	2	2	1	0	0	0
54	COOPER JR. JAMES	2	5	1	0	0	0
55	EDMONDSTONE, WILSON	2	0	0	1	0	0

58	SKINNER, B.	3	3	0	0	0	0
65	WOODLANDS, J.	2	5	1	0	0	0
65	WOODLANDS, WM.	2	3	0	0	0	0
65	STAPLEFORD, N.	3	2	0	0	0	0
65	HORNE, H.	2	5	0	0	0	0
67	SPRING, MRS.	2	1	0	0	0	0
68	McKEMIE, S.	2	4	0	0	0	0
75	ELLIS, JAMES	2	8	1	0	0	0
87	SPRING, S	2	2	0	0	0	0
96	HUNT, T.	3	0	0	0	0	0
97	LANE, R.	3	7	1	0	0	0
89	LAND, YERBY	2	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL		101	127	9	3	1	0

In the course of this year fifteen families containing sixty three persons have removed from this District. Thirteen of these families went to Harmony, and six families containing twenty seven persons have come to settle in it.

Of the three deaths this year, two were children under six months and one (Mr. Edmondstone) an adult about sixty years; his life was shortened by intemperance.

The accidental death was that of our ever to be lamented friend Mr. Birkbeck who was unfortunately drowned in Fox River on his return from a visit to Mr. Owen at Harmony (New).

POPULATION OF WANBORO
December 31, 1825

LOTS	NAME OF OCCUPIERS	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTHS	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACDT.
3	WOODHAM, G.	2	1	0	0	0
6	AYRES, C.	2	4	1	0	0
10	TRIBE, J.	2	2	0	1	0
11	GILLARD, JAMES	2	2	0	0	0
13	GREENWOOD, A.	1	0	0	0	0
15	COOPER, JAMES	2	0	0	0	0
31	BROWN, J.	3	6	0	0	0
32	PRICHARD, MRS.	7	0	0	0	0
30	BROWN, S.	2	2	0	0	0
OUTLOTS						
	HEARSUM, D.	2	0	0	0	0
	BENNETT	2	1	0	0	0
	GILL, THOMAS	2	3	0	0	0
TOTAL		29	21	1	1	0

POPULATION OF WANBORO
December 31, 1826

LOTS	NAME OF OCCUPIERS	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTHS	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACDT.
3	WOODHAM, G.	2	2	1	0	0
6	AYRES, JAMES	2	1	0	0	0
10	TRIBE, J.	2	3	1	0	0
11	ELSTON,	2	2	0	0	0
13	GREENWOOD, A.	1	0	0	0	0
15	COOPER, JAMES	2	0	0	0	0
16	HEARSUM, D.	1	0	1	2	0
25	MOSS,	1	0	0	0	0
27	PRICHARD, MRS.	6	0	0	0	0
OUTLOTS						
	HANKS, F.	2	2	0	0	0
	BENNETT,	4	0	0	0	0
	GILL, THOMAS	2	3	1	0	0
TOTAL		28	17	4	2	0

POPULATION OF WANBORO
December 31, 1827

LOTS	NAME OF OCCUPIERS	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTHS	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACD'T.
3	WOODHAM, G	2	2	0	0	0
6	MORSE, R.	2	0	0	0	0
11	APPLEGATH, JOSEPH	2	1	0	0	0
13	TRIBE, J.	2	3	1	0	0
15	COOPER SR., J.	2	0	0	0	0
16	HEARSUM, D.	2	0	0	0	0
25	SPEAKMAN,	3	5	1	0	0
32	PRICHARD, MRS.	5	0	0	0	0
OUTLOTS						
	HANKS, FRANCIS	2	2	0	0	0
	GILL, THOMAS	2	4	1	0	0
	BENNETT,	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		27	17	2	0	0

POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT
December 31, 1826

NO.	RESIDENTS	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTH	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACD'T.
3	EDMONDSTONE, MRS.	3	6	0	0	0
6	CLARK, WM.	4	4	0	0	0
7	HUSTON, C.	3	0	0	0	0
11	DRURY,	4	0	0	0	0
16	HUSTON, H.	4	4	0	1	0
18	LYNCH, D.	1	0	0	0	0
19	BAILEY, E.	2	5	1	0	0
22	COLLYER, E.	2	5	1	0	0
27	WEST, A.	2	2	0	0	0
36	HUSTON, J.	4	0	0	0	0
42	VILLAGE OF WANBOROUGH	28	17	4	2	0
44	EMMERSON, A	2	7	0	0	0
45	HALL, WILLIAM	4	6	0	0	0
52	PELL, G. T.	4	2	0	0	0
54	COOPER JR., JAMES	2	6	2	1	0
55	EMMERSON, URIEL	3	4	1	0	0
58	SKINNER, B.	3	3	0	0	0
65	WOODLANDS, J.	2	5	0	0	0
65	STAPLEFORD, N.	2	2	0	0	0
65	McWHORTER, A.	2	4	0	0	0
65	HORNE, H.	3	4	0	0	0
67	SPRING, MRS.	3	0	0	0	0
68	McKEMIE, S	3	4	1	0	0
75	ELLIS, JAMES	2	8	0	0	0
87	SPRING, S.	2	2	1	0	0
96	HUNT, T.	3	2	0	0	0
07	LANE, R.	3	7	0	0	0
89	LAND, YERBY	2	2	1	0	0
43	GILLARD, J.	2	3	1	0	0
TOTAL		107	115	14	4	0

Two deaths, those of C. Ayres, and Mrs. Curry, and one birth have occurred in families who left the settlement during the year. The registered deaths of the families which remained in the settlement were those of Mrs. Huston who died of consumption and of our much valued and lamented friend Mrs. Hearsam and her female infant who survived her mother about one day and was interred in the same grave with her, the other was an infant of J. Coopers.

POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT
December 31, 1827

NO.	RESIDENT	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTH	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACD'T.	HORSES	CARRIAGE
3	EDMONDSTONE, MRS.	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
6	CLARK, WILLIAM	5	3	0	0	0	0	0
11	EWINGS & DRURY	6	14	0	0	0	0	0
16	HUSTON, H.	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
18	LANE, WILLIAM	6	5	0	0	0	0	0
19	BAILEY, E.	5	5	0	1	0	0	0
22	COLLYER, E.	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
27	WEST, A.	2	4	1	0	0	0	0
37	McKEMIE, S.	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
42	WANBORO	27	17	2	0	0	0	0
45	GILLARD, J.	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
44	EMMERSON, A.	2	8	1	0	0	0	0
45	HALL, WILLIAM	4	6	0	0	0	0	0
52	PELL, G. T.	4	4	1	0	0	0	0
54	COOPER, J.	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
55	EMMERSON, U.	2	4	1	1	0	0	0
55	McWHORTER, A.	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
58	SKINNER, B.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
65	WOODLANDS, J.	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
65	MANN, J.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	SPRING, MRS.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	SPRING, S.	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
89	LAND, YERBY	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
96	HUNT, T.	3	3	0	1	0	0	0
	LANE, R.	3	8	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		101	124	8	2	0	0	0

The two deaths were one of a girl about 12 years old and an infant aged less than one year.

POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT
December 31, 1828

NO.	RESIDENT	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTH	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACD'T.
3	EDMONDSTONE, MRS.	3	3	0	0	0
6	CLARK, WILLIAM	4	3	0	1	0
11	HUSTON, H.	5	3	0	0	0
16	HUSTON, H.	5	3	0	0	0
18	LANE, WILLIAM	4	3	0	0	0
19	BAILEY, E.	2	5	1	0	0
22	COLLYER, E.	2	6	1	0	0
27	WEST, A.	2	3	0	0	0
42	WANBORO	26	20	3	2	0
43	GILLARD, J.	2	4	1	0	0
44	EMMERSON, A.	3	8	0	0	0
45	HALL, WILLIAM	5	5	0	0	0
52	PELL, G. T.	3	3	0	0	0
51	COOPER, JAMES	2	3	1	0	0
55	EMMERSON, U.	3	4	1	0	0
55	McWHORTER,	2	3	0	0	1
58	SKINNER, B.	3	3	0	0	0
65	WOODLANDS, J.	2	6	1	0	0
65	McKEMIE, S.	3	4	0	0	0
65	MANN, J.	2	1	0	0	0
67	SPRING, MRS.	3	0	0	0	0
89	LAND, YERBY	2	2	0	0	0
96	HUNT, T.	4	1	1	0	0
97	LANE, R.	3	7	0	0	0
7	PICKERING,	2	1	0	0	0
11	ROGERS,	4	4	0	0	0
34	JESSOPP,	2	1	0	0	0

36	ANDERSON, C.	2	2	1	0	0
TOTAL		10	111	12	3	1

Of the deaths two were infants, the other a young man of twenty two.

POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT December 31, 1829

NO.	RESIDENTS	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTHS	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACDT.
6	CLARK, WILLIAM	5	2	0	0	0
3	EDMONDSTONE, MRS.	3	3	0	0	0
7	HUSTON, C.	2	1	0	0	0
7	HUSTON, J.	2	1	1	0	0
18	PENDER,	4	8	0	0	0
19	BAILEY, E.	2	5	0	0	0
22	COLLYER, E.	2	6	0	0	0
27	WEST, A.	3	4	1	0	0
42	WANBORO	29	21	3	0	0
43	GILLARD, J.	2	4	0	0	0
44	EMMERSON, A.	3	7	0	0	0
45	HALL, WILLIAM	5	4	0	0	0
45	PRICHARD, J.	2	0	0	0	0
52	PELL, G. T.	3	3	0	0	0
54	HARTLEY, M.	1	0	0	0	0
55	EMMERSON, U.	2	4	0	0	0
55	YORK, J.	4	0	0	0	0
58	SKINNER, B.	2	3	0	0	0
58	SKINNER, J.	2	1	1	0	0
65	WOODLANDS, J.	2	7	1	0	0
65	UNDERWOOD,	2	0	0	0	0
65	MANN, J.	2	2	0	0	0
67	SPRING, MRS.	3	0	0	0	0
68	BARNHILL & WILLIAMS	4	8	0	0	0
87	SPRING, S.	2	3	0	0	0
87	EDWARDS, R.	2	2	1	0	0
80	LAND, Y.	2	3	1	0	0
96	HUNT, T.	4	2	1	0	0
97	LANE, R.	3	7	0	0	0
34	JESSOPP, J.	2	1	0	0	0
36	LANE, WILLIAM	5	4	1	0	0
TOTAL		111	116	11	0	0

POPULATION OF WANBOROUGH December 31, 1828

NO.	RESIDENT	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTHS	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACDT.
3	WOODHAM, G.	2	3	1	0	0
11	APPLEGATH, JOSEPH	2	1	0	0	0
13	TRIBE, J.	2	2	0	1	0
15	COOPER SR., J.	2	1	0	0	0
16	HEARSUM, D.	2	0	1	1	0
25	ELSTON, T.	2	4	0	0	0
32	PRICHARD, MRS.	4	0	0	0	0
	MORGAN	2	2	0	0	0
OUTLOTS						
	HANKS, F.	2	3	1	0	0
	GILL, THOMAS	2	4	0	0	0
	BENNETT, E.	4	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		26	20	3	2	0

POPULATION OF WANBOROUGH December 31, 1829

NO.	RESIDENT	OVER 18	UNDER 18	BIRTHS	DEATHS NAT.	DEATHS ACDT.
3	WOODHAM, G.	2	3	1	0	0
10	TRIBE, J.	2	3	1	0	0
11	APPLEGATH, JOSEPH	2	1	0	0	0
13	COOPER, T.	2	1	0	0	0
15	COOPER SR., J.	2	1	0	0	0
16	HEARSUM, D.	2	0	0	0	0
25	ELSTON, T.	2	5	1	0	0
	PRICHARD, MRS.	4	0	0	0	0
	MORGAN,	2	2	0	0	0
	HANKS, F.	3	1	0	0	0
	GILL, THOMAS	2	4	0	0	0
	BENNETT, E.	4	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		29	21	3	0	0

WEST SALEM

As noted in the history of Salem Precinct, several families from the Moravian community of Salem, North Carolina arrived in Salem Precinct in 1829, 1830 and 1838. In 1843 Rev. Martin Houser of Hope, Indiana visited the area and in May, 1844 a church was organized in Peter Hinkle's barn. Since a prosperous religious community existed, it was felt that a town should be planned. Acting as attorney-in-fact for Rev. Charles Kluge, President of the Synod of the Southern Provincial Conference of the Moravian Church of North America, Martin Houser entered 120 acres in Kluge's name on 29 October 1845. A church was built and was dedicated in 1846.

In 1847 Rev. Martin Houser became the first resident pastor of the Moravian Church and during his pastorate of four years and later during his residence in West Salem, took an active part in shaping the destiny of the little town which was known for several years as New Salem, Illinois.

On 21 May 1849 four young German bachelors, the vanguard of a German contingent, arrived at the settlement. They were P. T. Hallbeck, Albert Knoll, Christopher Israel, and another by the name of Goltzer. They went to work at once, for in the church diary we read that on 11 June, Goltzer and Knoll built a bake oven at the parsonage; on 5 June Mr. Hallbeck and others began cutting timber for his house and on 29 June his house was raised. This was the first house built within the limits of West Salem. This building was used as a store and also as a lodging for single brothers. The second building, similar in structure was erected by Stephen S. Gunn who ran flatboats on the Bon Pas and found a ready market for local produce in Vicksburg, Memphis, and New Orleans.

The town was surveyed and platted by Thomas Birkett on 3 August 1849. The name New Salem was chosen, in honor of Salem, North Carolina, the place from which many of the residents had moved to Edwards County. When a post office was established there in 1855, it became necessary to change the name to West Salem, since a New Salem already existed. Stephen S. Gunn was appointed the first postmaster in 1855.

In July, 1849 a colony of forty-six persons arrived from Germany and located in the village, building their homes close together about the public square and farming small outlying tracts, in accordance with the continental custom. Among these newcomers were: Dr. Herman Schaefer, the first resident physician in the village; and three Voigt brothers, August, Christian and Gottlieb.

Also about this time, Heinrich Busefink, a cabinet maker by trade, set up a furniture and undertaking establishment. On 23 September 1850 John Bernard Michel arrived in West Salem and very shortly set up a tailoring establishment on the site just west of the old Puritan Opera House.

The early days of these pioneers were not all good. In July, 1854 the inhabitants of the community were attacked by a malady known then as bilious fever. During the summer and fall, out of the eighty-four inhabitants of the village, forty-two were ill and twelve died. On 2 August, three children were buried in one grave, and on 4 August two women were given a

CEMETERIES

The dictionary says cemetery means "a sleeping place, a place for the dead, a graveyard." The very earliest burials of man were probably in caves. Early Christian burials in Rome were in catacombs. It was in reference to these that the term cemetery was first used. Christianity spread the precept of burial in sanctified ground and thus the practice of burial in church yards and church crypts came about.

Farmers owning property in early counties had their own family burial plots, while others were buried in church or county cemeteries. Most county and church cemeteries remain in fair condition for their age. We have more unknown family cemeteries than known today. The farms exchanged hands during the generations, the family cemetery stones were removed for farming purposes and the stones used in building foundations for buildings, filling ditches or whatever came handy.

Eight settlers died in 1819 (Faux's writings). Only three tombstones were found bearing that year. In the Wanboro Cemetery, one stone reads: Eliza, wife of Joseph Hanks, born Ireland, Westford Co., died Sept. 1819, aged 38 years; Samuel Pritchard died Sept. 1819, age 52; and Mrs. James Hean (1819) is buried Number 71 on the map.

The old Albion cemetery was opened in the 1820's. One acre was its beginning size, but it has gradually grown until it now covers almost four. (1980 the last body, Miss Lena Rigg, was interred into this graveyard.)

Passing through the old cemeteries many tombs of elaborate pretensions are discovered. Upon many of them are engraved the names of Illinois' pioneers. Here and there are seen slabs of marble and sandstone with the names almost obliterated by the ravages of time and weather.

It is among such surroundings that one is inclined to moralize and muse and ponder, speculating the while upon the mutations of time, the destructibility of man's works and the final victory of Eternity over the earthly form of man himself. It matters not his wealth or station, the hour comes, death claims him, and his soul's encasement of flesh and bone becomes in time assimilated with mother earth from which it sprang. In the grave men at last become equal.

Following the customs of their ancestors, the early settlers built vaults of either brick or stone, covered with a marble slab, upon which may be found the names of the pioneer families. The oldest tombs are occupied by English people, descended from heroes of old.

The Edwards County Historical Society has been compiling a map of the cemeteries of the County as shown. Some are not known so the list may be incomplete.

GRACELAND CEMETERY

ASSOCIATION

Albion, Illinois 62806

The 13th of March, 1897, a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association under the Illinois Act of July 1, 1882. A charter was granted by the State of Illinois, Jas. A. Rose, Sec. of State, to Graceland Cemetery Association of Albion, Illinois, on March 27, 1897. Herbert, Charles and Thomas Hodgson offered 20 acres of land "East of the Ice Plant" for a location, and the ground was purchased for \$70.00 per acre. Four notes of \$350 each, bearing 7% interest and signed by the members of the Association were given, payable in one, two, three and four years respectively.

The Association members were:

E. E. Ebright, Pres.	W. A. Schock
E. B. Harwick	Frank Woodham
J. M. Campbell	Geo. Eimers
H. J. Strawn	Jos. White
W. R. Strawn, Sec.	J. H. Lacy

W. A. Schock was elected Sec.-Treas., followed by his son, F. E. Schock, who was followed by his daughter, Eloise S. Miskell serving 63 continuous years on the Board of Directors.

Otho Woods has served ten years as Sexton, assisted by Orvil Atchison, deceased, and boys employed under the CETA program. There have been 3,054 burials in the cemetery as of February 29, 1980.

The current Board of Directors:

Francis D. Curtis, President
Eloise S. Miskell, Sec.-Treas.
Roy E. Boyles, Treas. Endowment Fund
Howard B. Shepherd, Pre. Endowment Fund
Charles E. Rayl, Sec. Endowment Fund
Floyd Beuchat
Clifton Sams
Fred Ingram (Deceased 1980)



Graves of Dr. Samuel Thompson and his two wives, near the center of the north section, Old Albion Cemetery.

Entrance to Old Albion Cemetery.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The governing body of Edwards County has changed forms several times during its history. From 1815 to 1819 the body was known as the Judges' Court. From 1819 to 1849 the elected officials were known as County Commissioners. In the fall of 1849, the name of the county governing body was changed, and until 1873, was known as the County Court, having a President Judge and two Associate Justices. In 1873 the elected officials again became known as County Commissioners, which term is still used today for the three man board.

From 1873 through 1976 one County Commissioner was elected each year, serving for three years each. The Commissioner elected in 1976, Harold J. Bunting, was elected for four years in order to implement a new law. The new law provides that the County Commissioners will be elected in the existing even-numbered election years. Thus, two were elected in 1978 to serve four years until 1982, one will be elected in 1980 to serve four years, two will be elected in 1982 to serve four years, and so on.

From 1815 through 1882 the various governing bodies are listed here as a group for the period of time they served together. During this period, one or more of them may have been re-elected to the same office. Then from 1880 through 1976 the various officials are listed individually with the period each served.

JUDGES

- 1815-1817 John McIntosh, Seth Gard, William Barney
 1817- John McIntosh, William Barney, Robert Frazier
 1817-1818 William Barney, Samuel Marshall

JUSTICES

- 1818-1819 Gervase Hazleton, Joseph Baird, Ransom Higgins, William Smith, John Grayson, Samuel Newell, James Martin

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 1819-1820 John Armstrong, Robert Frazer, John Higgins
 1820-1821 John Higgins, Henry Utter, William Clark
 1821-1822 Henry Utter, George May
 1822-1824 Cyrus Danforth, Samuel Munday, Ephraim Phar
 1824-1825 Elias Jordan, James Hunt, Moses Bedell
 1825-1826 James Hunt, Joel Churchill, Alan Emmerson
 1826-1828 James Hunt, Alan Emmerson, Charles Stennett
 1828-1830 James Hunt, James Hean, Charles Stennett
 1830-1832 James Hunt, Alan Emmerson, Charles Stennett
 1832-1838 James Hunt, Charles Stennett, Thomas Carney
 1838-1840 James Hunt, Leonard C. Bond, John Tribe
 1840-1842 Leonard C. Bond, John Tribe, J. W. Stevenson
 1842-1849 J. W. Stevenson, John Tribe, Britain Walser
 1849-1850 Alan Emmerson, J. W. Stevenson, Matthew Rice

COUNTY COURT — President Judge and two Associate Justices.

- 1850-1853 Alan Emmerson, judge; Matthew Rice, James Hunt, associate justices.
 1853-1857 Alan Emmerson, judge; Matthew Rice, Jonathan Shelby, associate justices.
 1857-1861 Alan Emmerson, judge; Jonathan Shelby, Britain Walser, associate justices.
 1861-1865 Samuel R. Hall, judge; Jacob Cramer, Sanford Emmerson, associate justices.
 1865-1869 Samuel R. Hall, judge; Andrew Huffman, Daniel P. Hunter, associate justices.
 1869-1872 Samuel R. Hall, judge; Andrew Huffman, Edward Handley, associate justices.
 1872-1873 Samuel R. Hall, judge; Andrew Huffman and Alfred Brown, associate justices.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 1873-1878 Josiah Dawes, chairman; Andrew Huffman, Alfred Brown.
 1878-1880 Josiah Dawes, chairman; Alfred Brown, Francis Greathouse.
 1880-1881 Josiah Dawes, chairman; Francis Greathouse, Compton Woodham.
 1881-1882 Josiah Dawes, Compton Woodham, Charles Walser

Going back to 1880 and repeating the last two elected County Commissioners listed above, the County Commissioners elected from 1880 through 1978 are listed below with their terms of office:

WOODHAM, Compton

- WALSER, Charles 1880-1886
 CLARK, Charles 1881-1884
 BALDING, Jacob 1882-1885
 SHEMELEY, Benjamin M. 1884-1887
 SMITH, Thomas J. 1885-1888
 GAMPER, Edwin 1886-1889
 MAY, George Sr. 1887-1890
 GLOVER, Thomas F. 1888-1894
 BIRKETT, John C. 1889-1895
 LONGBONS, Benjamin 1890-1896
 BEEHN, Fred Sr. 1894-1897
 COLYER, Morris 1895-1898
 GOULD, Ira 1896-1899
 FIEBER, Frank 1897-1900
 McKIBBEN, William H. 1898-1901
 GATES, John H. 1899-1904*
 CURTIS, Richard A. 1900-1903
 BIRKETT, John C. 1901-1904
 CLARK, John H. 1903-1908*
 MITCHELL, Thomas B. 1904-1907
 CURTIS, Richard A. **1904-1911
 GATES, John H. 1907-1910
 GLOVER, James F. **1908-1915
 STANHOPE, Arch 1910-1916*
 REID, Leigh L. 1911-1917
 LIBKIE, Albert J. 1915-1921
 SMITH, Thomas J. 1916-1922
 JACOBS, Thomas J. **Apr-Nov 1916
 SHAW, Albert 1917-1923
 JACK, Ralph 1921-1924
 JOHNSON, James L. 1922-1928
 NAYLOR, Charles 1923-1926*
 MITCHELL, Thomas B. Sr. 1924-1926*
 SCHONERT, Fred **May 1926-1931
 HALLAM, Charlie R. 1926-1930
 LIBKIE, Albert J. 1926-1932
 BAILEY, Fred 1930-1942
 BUTLER, Amzi 1931-1934
 SHUPE, Frank 1932-1938
 HORTON, Philip 1934-1943
 RECKLING, John H. 1938-1944
 EVANS, O. R. 1943-1949
 GLOVER, Lincoln 1944-1950
 SHUPE, Frank 1949-1952
 SCHROEDER, Elsdon F. 1950-1956
 BLOOD, S. Lynn 1951-1954
 MITCHELL, Thomas B. 1952-1958
 GENTZ, Gilbert S. 1954-1957
 WARMOTH, William J. 1956-1962
 GREEN, Gilbert 1957-1963
 COLLINS, Lawrence 1958-1964
 FISHEL, Walter E. 1962-1971
 JACOBS, Virgil 1963-1972
 HORTIN, Elmer 1964-1973
 BYRAM, Russell 1971-1974
 POLLARD, Lloyd 1972-1978
 BUNTING, Harold J. 1973-1980
 MEWES, Kenneth 1974-1982
 MICHELS, Vernon C. 1978-1982
 HORTIN, Elmer 1980-1984

* Did not complete full term.

** Filled vacancy for remainder of term of person previously elected.

SHERIFF

- ARMSTRONG, Abner 1815-1820
 MILLS, Henry I. 1820-1826
 JORDAN, James 1826-1830
 HUNT, Thomas 1830-1832
 BOWMAN, Henry 1832-1838
 CARTER, James 1838-1842
 KENNER, R. 1842-1848
 EMMERSON, Jesse 1848-1850
 KENNER, James 1850-1852
 WOODS, William 1852-1858
 MONTGOMERY, William A. 1858-1860
 MICHELS, George 1860-1862

EMMERSON, Jesse	1862-1864
BROWN, William W.	1864-1866
PERKINS, Saywell	1866-1868
WOODS, Lee	1868-1870
MORGAN, Maxwell W.	1870-1873*
MICHELS, George	**1874-1878
HALL, Charles	1878-Aug 1881
GREEN, Joseph	Aug 1881-1882
DALBY, Frank	1882-1886
GREEN, Joseph	1886-1890
EIMERS, George	1890-1894
ROTHROCK, Edwin H.	1894-1898
BRANDON, Henry	1898-1902
STANLEY, George W.	1902-1906
MARSHALL, Charley	1906-1910
ROTHROCK, Walter S.	1910-1914
NAYLOR, Charles	1914-1918
ROOSEVELT, Clyde	1918-1922
SMOOT, Cincy A.	1922-1926
NAYLOR, Charles	1926-1930
HARPER, Oscar	1930-Mar 1934*
BOND, Arch	**Mar-Dec 1934
JOHNSTON, Loren A.	1934-1938
SPERRY, M. Lee	1938-1941*
KEENER, George W.	**1941-1942
JOHNSTON, Loren A.	1942-1946
TRIBE, T. Stewart	1946-1950
KEENER, George W.	1950-1954
BLOOD, S. Lynn	1954-1958
KEENER, George W.	1958-1962
SEARBY, Howard	1962-1966
CURTIS, Francis D.	1966-1970
SEARBY, Howard	1970-1974
RODGERS, Donovan D.	1974-1978
BOYER, Calvin N.	1978-1982

* Did not complete term of office.

** Filled vacancy for remainder of term of person previously elected.

COUNTY CLERK

CLAYPOOLE, Nathaniel (Died shortly after 1815 appointment)	
SMITH, G. W.	1815-1818
BROWNE, Jesse B.	1818-1821
HAZLETON, Gervase	1821-1823
BROWNE, Jesse B.	1823-1831
MAYO, Walter L.	1831-1870
TRIBE, William B.	1870-1877
EMMERSON, Charles	1877-1890
WOODHAM, Frank	1890-1900*
MACAULAY, David A.	**Jul-Nov 1900
MAYNE, Ben L.	1900-1910
SMITH, Arch C.	1910-1922
BLAND, Percy W.	1922-1930
BOYLES, E.	1930-1948*
HORTON, Clarence V.	**1948-1962
REID, Emory A.	1962-1982

* Did not complete term of office.

** Filled vacancy for remainder of term of person previously elected.

COUNTY TREASURER

COMPTON, Levi	1815-1819
STEWART, Scoby	1819-1821
BELL, Hiram	1821-1824
FRAZIER, Robert	1824-1830
WOODS, John	1830-1832
STENNETT, Daniel	1832-1835
BURNS, Charles P.	1835-1837
EMMERSON, Alan (Resigned)	1837*
WOODS, John	**1837-1871
MICHELS, George	1871-1873
WOODS, John	1873-1875
BOWER, George	1875-1886
BRANDON, Henry	1886-1890
COLES, Frank	1890-1894
BRANDON, Henry	1894-1898
62 TRIBE, Robert M.	1898-1902

SMITH, Nathan E.	1902-1906
BRANDON, John	1906-1910
SMITH, Nathan E.	1910-1914
SHAW, William Jr.	1914-1918
NAYLOR, Charles	1918-1922
SHAW, William	1922-1926
STANHOPE, Arch	1926-1930
GILL, Fred	1930-1931*
TRIBE, F. C.	**1931-1934
STANHOPE, Arch	1934-1938
JOHNSTON, Loren A.	1938-1942
STANHOPE, Arch	1942-1946
SCHOCK, William E.	1946-1950
SCHMIDT, Allene	1950-1954
HILGEMAN, Gilbert R.	1954-1958
SMITH, Frank T.	1958-1962
HEDRICK, Wendell B.	1962-1966
SMITH, Lester Paul	1966-1970
SMITH, Eva I.	1970-1982

* Did not complete term of office.

** Filled vacancy for remainder of term of person previously elected.

CIRCUIT CLERK

CLAYPOOLE, Nathaniel (died in office)	1815
SMITH, G. W.	1815-1818
BROWNE, Jesse B.	1818-1831
MAYO, Walter L.	1831-1868
TRIBE, William B.	1868-1888
BIGGS, George P.	1888-1892
WILSON, Edwin J.	1892-1900
GIBSON, Loren A.	1900-1908
WALKER, Allen E.	1908-1912
BUNTING, Earl S.	1912-1928
PIERCE, Carl T.	1928-1936*
PIERCE, Eupholla	**Mar-Dec 1936
TRIBE, F. C.	1936-1946*
CRAWFORD, Eva	**1946-1960
PRITCHETT, Keith	1960-1974*
BUNTING, Randall Gene	**Aug 1974-1976*
ROOSEVELT, Wanda L.	**Sep-Dec 1976
COPLEY, Mary Jean	1976-1980
ETHERIDGE, Rick D.	1980-1984

* Did not complete term of office.

** Filled vacancy for remainder of term of person elected or appointed previously.

CORONER

TOME, John	1820-1822
LOVE, John (Resigned)	1822-1824*
THOMPSON, Moses	**1824-1826
ARTHUR, Samuel	1826-1832
SKEAVINGTON, John	1832-1834
BOWMAN, Henry	1834-1836
CARTER, James	1836-1838
KENNER, A. R.	1838-1840
McDONALD, James	1840-1846
HUFFMAN, Andrew	1848-1856
BOYD, John	1856-1860
BROWN, William W.	1860-1862
THOMPSON, Francis B.	1862-1864
PERKINS, Saywell	1864-1866
CLARK, H. H.	1866-1868
BROWN, John	1868-1871*
THOMPSON, Francis B.	**1871-1872
CLARK, H. H.	1872-1878
RENO, Henry C. (Elected in 1878, failed to qualify)	
LOW, Alvin C.	1879-1880
McCLURKIN, J. Cameron (Elected 1880, failed to qualify)	
McCLURKIN, J. Cameron	Aug 1881-1882
LOW, Smith D.	1882-1884
WALTERS, Hamlin J.	1884-1888
DICKSON, Henry L.	1888-1892
SCHAEFER, Herman L.	1892-1896
KINGSBURY, J. D. (Elected 1896, failed to qualify)	
FRANKLIN, J. M.	Nov 1897-1900
KEAGY, Cyrus S.	1900-1901*

JESSE CHALCRAFT

Fern moved to Portland, Oregon September 1, 1938 for better job opportunities and married Kent Younglove Adams on April 22, 1944. They have a daughter, Nancy Jane (November 4, 1948) who married John Theodore Stanek (February 19, 1940) on June 2, 1973 in Portland, Oregon. Fern and Kent were divorced July 23, 1967 and Fern later married James Rich (April 15, 1904) who was in the oil business, on December 26, 1969. Fern was a stewardess and Registered Nurse, now retired. Jim died on December 10, 1977.

Melvin married Rowena Earnestine McKibben (November 18, 1917) and they had a son, Doyle (October 12, 1939). Doyle married Harriett Morris and had two daughters: Gayla and Doyle. Doyle and Harriett divorced and he married again. Melvin was secondly married to Thelma Harris (February 15, 1927) and later was divorced. He then married Elva Marie Tarpley (January 31, 1915). Melvin is a carpenter.

Hazel married Clyde Owen Hortin (March 8, 1921) on March 2, 1940. They had one daughter, Brenda Elaine (April 28, 1940) and she married Dwight Charles Koester (October 18, 1935) on July 3, 1965. They have two children: Greg Charles (April 21, 1967) and Lisa Kay (April 12, 1970). Hazel was a beautician in Olney for many years. After divorcing Clyde on September 14, 1948, she later married Everett "Whitey" Lyle Kepheart (March 13, 1914) on June 5, 1965.

Elmer married Melba "Jean" Berry (September 17, 1929) of Wabash County on February 14, 1948. They have five children: David Lynn (April 6, 1949); Anita Kay (September 9, 1951); Gary Allen (September 23, 1952); Lyndell Wayne (February 22, 1954); and Janet Marie (October 24, 1955). Elmer farms and works at Construction. Jean works at Champion Laboratories, Inc. at Albion.

David lives at home near Ellery and is engaged in farming.

Anita married Lewis Jan Blackford (October 23, 1944) on August 28, 1970 and they have a son Bradley Kent (August 11, 1973).

Gary lives in Mt. Carmel and works in the oil fields.

Lyndell married Faye Rogers on January 16, 1974 at Mt. Carmel and has a son, Lyndell Wayne Jr. (October 2, 1975). They moved to Georgia. They were divorced. Lyndell married Dee and they live in Columbus, Georgia.

Janet attended Blackburn College from 1973-1977 and has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. She is now working in the Laboratory at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. She is also an Emergency Medical Technician.

CHARLES CHISM

James Chism was a Virginian by birth. He was a soldier in the Revolution and the war of 1812. He was an Indian fighter under command of General Harrison.

In the year 1813 James Chism, his wife and three small children emigrated to Timberville, Bald-Hill Prairie, Edwards County, Illinois Territory. Indians were very numerous in this part of the country and four times the family sought refuge fleeing to a Vincennes fort for greater security.

James died when a young man and the family moved to the northern part of the state. James' wife died and a son Elisha came back to this vicinity with a small brother and sister. Elisha learned the trade of a blacksmith. In consideration of a horse, saddle and bridle he became the substitute for a young man as a soldier in the Black Hawk campaign. After three months he came back to this vicinity and worked for some time at his trade in Wanboro and then a large shop in Albion for many years.

His first marriage was to Hester Thread. This resulted in a family of twelve children. When his first wife died he married a Mrs. Leonard, and two children were born to this union. He died at the home of a son Thos. J. in Albion.

Thomas and his wife had four children, Mayme, Frank, Charles and one unaccounted for.

Charles was born in 1866 and married Lettie Lollar of Ingham, Ill. He died in 1938. She died at the age of 65, 1934. He was a barber for forty-six years on West Main Street in Albion. He and his wife were active members in the Albion Christian Church.

To this union were born four children. Porter, Howard,

Bonalynn and Edna. Porter and Howard married Thelma and Mabyll Marriott (sisters) from Browns. They moved to Michigan and each had two children.

Bonalynn was a chorus and English teacher at the Albion High School. She died in 1953, age 53. A scholarship is given every year in her memory to a Sr. in the Edwards Sr. High School by Delta Philanthropic Sorority.

Edna was married to Gilbert (Skee) Hilgeman of Bellmont, the son of William and Claudia Joachim Hilgeman and lived in a near Albion. He worked at the Albion Journal Register many years. He had one brother George. Gilbert died in 1962, age 62. Edna in 1963, age 62.

To this union was born one son, Charles W. (Skee) Hilgeman, in 1929. He was in the army two years during the Korean conflict. He married Lillian Woods in 1950. She is the daughter of Charlie C., son of Edward and Nellie Lines Woods, and Genevieve, daughter of Thos. W. and Luella Woodham Smith. They live on a farm near Ellery. She has one sister, Eugene Millar.

Charles W. Hilgeman Jr. called Chuck was born in 1960. He was married to Terri Orr in 1980. Terri is the daughter of Paul and Marjorie Doty Orr. Chuck and Terri live in Carmi.



Charles and Lettie Chism

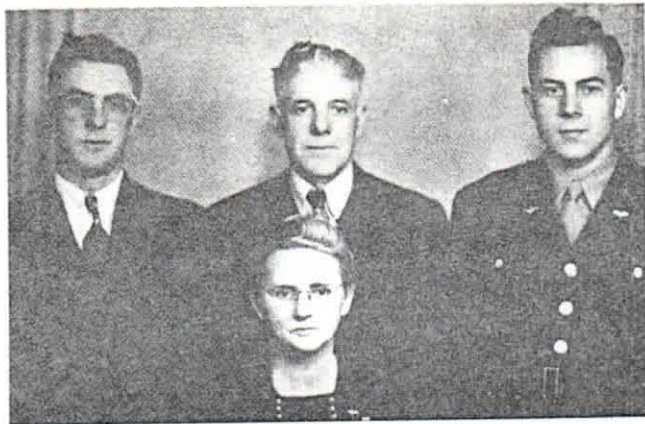
ANDREW JACKSON CHRISTY

Andrew Jackson Christy was born in Kentucky on August 27, 1818. He married Mary Ann Johns, born March 17, 1830. Andrew and his family came to Edwards County in 1869 from Bowling Green, Kentucky. The journey took nine days by wagon to Samsville, Illinois. Their children were:

1. MARY (1851-1927) married THOMAS HOESZLE (1850-1928). Their children: (1A) George (1877-1964) married Eunice Greathouse (1878-1963). (1B) Gertrude (1880-1974) married Remus Newton Marks (1872-1963); son, Pernie. (1C) Chester (1884-1934) married Wenona Wardell (1886-1965); children — Curma, Cova, Irene. (1D) Annetta (1886-1977) married Guy Bunting (1885-1973); adopted daughter, Hazel. (1E) Omer (1890-1978) married Rachel Shemely (b1894). (1F) Elmer (1892-1953) married Rena Massie (1894-1971); children — Forrest, Ovella.

2. MALISSA (1852-1934) married first, WILLIAM SAMS (died 1878). Son, (2A) Otto (1878-1949) married Alma Phelps (1884-1973); children — Clifton, Clyde. MALISSA Married second, GEORGE WASHINGTON SHELBY (1855-1944). Their children (2B) Warren (1884-1964) married first, Ruby Houser; married second, Ethel Harper (1888-1977); children — Betty, Iva Jean. (2C) Ora (1885-1971) married Carolina Gaede (1891-1955); children — Delores, Audrey, Laura, George William. (2D) Charles (1887-1975) married Marie Jacobs (1900-1974). (2E) Nelle (b1888) married Luke Bunting (1887-1960). (2F) Arch (1890-1913). (2G) Della (b1891) married Walter Bunting (1890-1971). (2H) Inda (1895-1977) married Samuel Guyot (1893-1965); daughter, Helen.

3. GRANISON (1853-1926) married first, MARY RIDENS; second, NANCY DAWSON (1846-1903); third, 173



Benjamin H. Curtis Family. Everett, Benjamin, Cyril and Zella Curtis.

brought their large family, including John Thomas, six months old, to Southern Illinois in 1862. Sarah Morris Curtis died in child-birth and is buried at Phillipstown. The children, including Wade, Delilah, Eliza, Ellen, John Thomas, and the infant Samuel, were dispersed into other families and reared as orphans. John Thomas eventually came to Edwards County and (1885) married Mary Hearsom, daughter of George and Elizabeth Ann Woodham Hearsom, also married (1849) in Edwards County. The Hearsoms are Household 43 in the 1870 Census of French Creek Precinct. George Hearsom had enlisted in Company E, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, which participated in the dramatic military maneuver, "Grierson's Raid." George died (1910) and is buried in the Veteran's Cemetery, Danville. Elizabeth Ann Woodham Hearsom (1832-1889) is buried in a small family cemetery beside her parents.

John and Mary Hearsom Curtis had two children, "Mamie" (1886-1971) and Benjamin Harrison (1890-1977). Mary Hearsom Curtis died (1893). Haunted by his own lonely childhood, John vowed to keep Mamie and Benjamin together. Later John married Eva Jennings, a gentle stepmother. John Curtis bought a farm north of Brown's Chapel, and his children attended Ridge School. Circa 1905, John Curtis introduced peach growing to the area. Elbertas were shipped, and other varieties sold locally. A self-made man, and a faithful member of Brown's Chapel, John Thomas Curtis died (1949) and is buried in the Ridge Cemetery between his two wives. Mamie married Harry Tincham and Benjamin married (13 September 1911) Zella Tait, oldest daughter of Julian and Alice Dunk Tait. They farmed many years in the Dixon Precinct, and were faithful members of the Mt. Zion — Brown's Chapel congregations. Now they lie in the Mt. Zion church-yard.

Benjamin and Zella Tait Curtis had two sons. Everett (1913) married in Henderson, Kentucky (1938) Madeline Hortin, daughter of Frank and Anna Wick Hortin. After their marriage, they farmed in Edwards County, practicing conservation principles and continuing active church membership.

Cyril (1920), while stationed in the army at Los Alamos, participated from a distance of six miles in the explosion of the first atomic bomb. He married (1948) in Urbana, Helen Ulrey, born (1922) Whitley County, Indiana, older daughter of Carl and Mabel Jellison Ulrey. Cyril is a physicist at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia. Cyril and Helen Ulrey Curtis have two sons. Jonathan (1951) spent numerous summers on his uncle Everett's farm near Mt. Zion, and was graduated a University of Illinois Bronze Tablet Scholar (1973). Christopher (1956) was graduated from Harvard cum laude (1978) and is at Harvard Law School, Class of 1981.

LAURA SHEPHERD CURTIS

Laura, the eldest child of Hugh and Ann Rebecca Shepherd, was born on October 9, 1874. Laura married Posey E. Root on December 21, 1893 by the Reverend James C.F. Hall in Albion. Posey was born on December 1, 1871 and died May 15, 1911. He is buried in the Little Prairie Cemetery west of Albion. They were the parents of five children:

Louella M. born January 14, 1895. Louella married Jason Bunting on January 15, 1913. Jason was the son of Amos and Ellen Newport Bunting and he was born November 15, 1889. Their six children are: Beulah — December 7, 1913, Carroll — September 19, 1915, Arvill — August 13, 1917, Marietta — January 30, 1921, Clarence — November 5, 1924, and Mardell Y. — December 21, 1929 and died August 1931.

Mary N. Root September 29, 1897 was married to Edward G. Scott. His birth date is January 19, 1885, and he died January 10, 1934. Their six children: George J. December 12, 1919, Laura J. April 23, 1923, Donald E. March 3, 1926, Mary N. November 13, 1924, Walter R. July 10, 1927, and Charles A. Scott January 16, 1930.

Nellie Root was married to Charles C. Grieff. Their children: Catherine Ann, October 18, 1924, Wilma, December 31, 1936 and William, August 10, 1933.

Henry H. Root married Delilah Allen, and they have two adopted sons, Jerry and Robert. Delilah died November 25, 1964. Henry secondly married Dorothy _____ born on September 19, 1911.

Marcus A. Root married Marion Jarecki. Her birthday is September 8, 1910. They have no children.

Laura Shepherd Root and Charles C. Curtis married on April 15, 1941. Laura died December 31, 1955.

RICHARD CURTIS

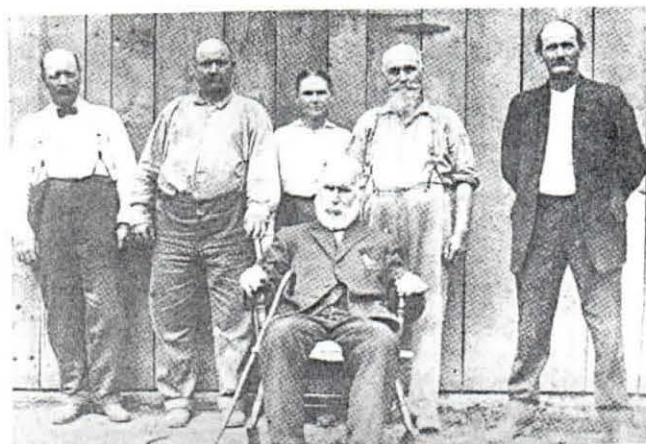
Edith (Curtis) Lambert is a descendent of the Richard Curtis who came to Edwards County with the Lambert's. Sarah Lambert Curtis died soon after the birth of a son. Richard then married Catherine Hallam and raised another family, consisting of fourteen children, namely, Joshua, Elizabeth, Sarah, Robert, Joseph Dean, William Locker, Mariah, Thomas Buxton, George W., Martha, Charlotte, Daniel, Samuel Wesley and Richard A.

Joshua Curtis, born May 21, 1834 married Ann Woods. Their children who reached adulthood were Albert, David, Frank, Nathan, Joshua Lee, George, John W., and Annie. Two other boys died in infancy and one at the age of four.

John W. married Myrtle Bender September 17, 1902. She was the daughter of Fredrick and Myrtle (Hunter) Bender. John W.'s birth date is September 16, 1873. Myrtle's is August 10, 1881. To this union were born five children.

Fern, born June 29, 1903, was married to Paul Woods April 2, 1924, son of Lucius Woods. They have spent their entire married life in St. Louis and St. Louis County. They have two children, both married and with children. June Fouche was born November 8, 1932, Gene Paul, March 10, 1936.

Carlin, second child of John and Myrtle Curtis was born October 9, 1906. He married Edna Hallam of South Edwards County. They both taught school for a few years, then he became a Methodist preacher. Most of his preaching was in the state of Iowa. He is now retired, spending his winters in Mountain Home, Arkansas and his summers in Minnesota. Their children are Marjorie (Marine), Paul Dean, Bruce, and Ronna (Cooke). They lost an infant girl, Carlene.



George, Nathan, Annie, David, John and Al Curtis.

The Gould brothers were quite interested in establishing a Methodist church and schools in Bone Gap. Both contributed generously to various funds needed in church work and community affairs. The twin brothers' hard work and careful planning paid off as they had money to loan to those whom they thought were good risks. Ansel A. died in 1887. Chloe was born April 27, 1820 and died January 12, 1905. Both are buried in the Bone Gap Cemetery.

FRANK J. GOULD

Frank J., son of Rolla and Emily Woodham Gould, was born July 3, 1901, at Bone Gap, Illinois. He graduated from Bone Gap High School and then from Davenport School of Chiropractic. Later he studied for and passed the Civil Service examination and became a postal clerk in Chicago. Here he met and married Florence Mitchell. They were active members of Marquet Manor Baptist Church. In 1956, Florence died, a victim of cancer. A few years later he married Edythe Baham. After Frank retired from the post office Edythe completed her college degree. She served as Dean of Women at Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Watertown, Wisconsin for three years and then was called to be principal at Marquet Manor Christian Day School where she served five years. Their adopted daughter, Pat (Patricia Ann Koucky), taught and later served as a supervisor in the school. Frank and Edythe are now retired and living in Downers Grove, Illinois. Pat is now Mrs. J.A. Gerberich, mother of three stepchildren, John, Lisa, and Jody, and two children of her own, Heather Kay, born September 24, 1976, and Matthew Charles, born December 5, 1978.

HOWARD W. GOULD

Howard W. Gould, son of Rolla and Emily Woodham Gould, was born June 21, 1896 at Bone Gap, Illinois. He was married to Alice Lois Everett, June 14, 1922, and they have two daughters, Alice Emily, born October 2, 1923, at Champaign, Illinois and Constance (Bunny) born May 24, 1937, at DeKalb, Illinois. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the First World War. He is a life member of American Legion. In the De Kalb Kiwanis Club he was the 1949 president and has 35-year Legion of Honor. In the First United Methodist Church of De Kalb he served in many capacities including chairman of the Official Board and member of the Chancel Choir. For the State Universities Retirement System of Annuity, Northern Illinois University Chapter, he was president and on the Executive Board at start. His hobbies are chess (USCF), bowling, and gardening.

His professional training includes a 1918 B.S. from McKendree College, a 1922 M.S. from University of Illinois, and a 1929 Ph.D. from State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. Physical Science, Chemistry, Mathematics, Inorganic Chemistry, and Physics were fields of study. He has done Post Doctoral Study at University of Iowa, Chicago, Michigan, Cal. Tech. and UCLA.

His professional experience included teaching assignments at McKendree College, University of Illinois, and Millikin University; Research Engineer at Mueller Co., Decatur, Illinois; and teaching at Northern Illinois University. Here from 1931-1961 he was Professor of Physical Science and Head of the Department.

His memberships in professional associations are many and include the 1964-1965 presidency of the Illinois State Academy of Science and the 1939 term as National President of Sigma Zeta (science).

He received the Sigma Zeta Distinguished Service Award in about 1962 and the 1962 Joilet Section American Chemical Society Chemist of the Year Award. The February 1966 American Honarium Citation was his, as was the 1978 M.P. Akers McKendree College Alumni Award.

Alice Lois Everett, (Mrs. Howard W. Gould) was born August 1, 1897, in Waverly, Illinois. She was a 1921 McKendree College graduate. She taught Latin and English at Shipman and Mascoutah High Schools. Since her marriage she

has been active in the DX Chapter of PEO, the Thursday Arts Club, and the United Methodist Women at De Kalb.

Alice Emily Gould (Mrs. John M. Bell) has her A.B. from MacMurray College and studied aviation psychology at the University of Illinois. She is Docent (guide) at Huntington Library Gardens, Pasadena, California. She is active in PEO and in the Daz-E Shop of Southern California which gives large sums to the PEO retirement home there. Her husband has been manager and owner of electronics firms and has proprietorial interest in a cable TV company. He is a lifetime QST Ham operator.

Constance (Bunny) Gould (Mrs. Richard A. Chamberlain) studied at Northern Illinois University, specializing in English and Business Education. She was a secretary at Pullman Standard. She is active in PEO and in FISH activities in Naperville, Illinois. She is president of Home and School which serves the school where her daughter, Stephanie, is a fourth grader. Her husband is a successful sales manager of McGraw Edison Corporation which manufactures supplies for railroad companies.

JUDSON GOULD

Judson, the fifth child of Philander and Sarah Knowlton Gould, was born in the Buck Prairie community north of Bone Gap, Illinois, December 8, 1846. He grew up, made his home, and farmed in this area. In the spring of 1868 he was converted and joined the Methodist Church under the ministry of Rev. Jesse Green.

On October 22, 1868, he was married to Hana Catherine Sims, daughter of Joel and Sarah Susan Jack Sims, born August 27, 1847, in Upshare County near Buckhannon, West Virginia. In childhood, with her parents, she came to Illinois where she spent most of her life. She united with the Methodist Church of Bone Gap. Late in life she transferred her membership to the First Methodist Church of Seattle, Washington, where she was visiting her daughter, Eva, and her husband, Bert Chamberlain. Many people referred to her as Aunt Kate.

Judson and Kate had seven children. Jesse P., born April 11, 1870, died August 15, 1874. Rolla A., born February 20, 1872, married Emily A. Woodham and lived in the Bone Gap area. Their history appears elsewhere. Twins were born April 22, 1875. Parley A. married Zora Lankford. They operated a general store in Golden Gate, Illinois. In 1907, in time to proudly cast votes for Oklahoma statehood, they moved to Stillwater where they operated a grocery store. Their children were Brenda, King, Austin, and Dierdra. Carrie A. married Clarence Spry, Lowell, Indiana was their home. Their children were Ruth and Earl. Asa A., born March 20, 1878, was killed January 6, 1890, when a barn door on which he was swinging fell on him. A second set of twins was born February 22, 1882. Everett B. married Otie Moss and they were ranchers near Sunnyside, Washington. Their children were Milo, Naomi, and Judson. Eva E. married Bert Chamberlain, a very skilled tailor. They first lived in Mattoon, Illinois and later he owned the Chamberlain Dyeing and Cleaning Works in Seattle.



Judson and Kate Gould

John Busefink, married 1901, divorced 1919, (2) Hubert Southworth; Christmas May, December 26, 1879 — Harry Dewherst.

"An apt illustration of what may be accomplished by earnest effort and a will that knows no failure" is just one of the quotations from early history written about Philander Gould.

ROLLA GOULD

Rolla A. Gould, second child of Judson and Kate Sims Gould was born February 20, 1872. Emily A. Woodham, fourth child of Compton and Ann Potter Woodham, was born April 10, 1870. July 3, 1895 they were married at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. C.W. Sabine, with her brother, Frank, and his wife, Minnie, as witnesses.

They moved into a new house in Bone Gap where he was a partner in operating a creamery. Judson Gould's failing health was a factor in an exchange of homes and the Rolla Gould family moved to the Buck Prairie community.

Of the six children born into the family, two boys died in infancy.

The family farmed, participated in Grange, and the Buck Prairie Household Science Club's family activities such as oyster suppers, Easter egg roasts, and ice cream suppers, and the children walked or, occasionally rode horseback to the Buck Prairie Grade School and, later, walked or drove a horse and buggy to Bone Gap High School. They were members of the Bone Gap Methodist Church and over a spread of eleven years, each of the four children in turn received a Cradle Roll Certificate signed by Miss Edith Gould. Miss Edith is a symbol of continuity of top quality Christian teaching in the Bone Gap Methodist Sunday School. These children, each in his own way gained a personal relationship with Christ that has given them the needed stamina for life. The fact that, years later, after Emily's death July 3, 1953 and Rolla's death July 16, 1959, the administrator of the estates went through every detail of settlement with perfect harmony and love and support among all four children and their spouses gives a top recommendation for what the Christ centered life does for family relationships. There were fond memories of the home for even the city cousins, Brenda, King, and Austin from Stillwater, Oklahoma and Vivian Chamberlain from Mattoon, Illinois who visited there from time to time one summer. In 1951 one highlight of a trip West was when Vivian hugged her Aunt Emily and remembered how she "used to wash our dirty little feet and put us to bed."

Emily was determined that each child should have the best education possible and the family cooperated to make this a reality.

Howard was the one who profited most from the piano lessons given all four children by Miss Flo Gould who drove her horse, French, to her pupils' homes.

Household histories for Howard, Frank, and Wallace appear separately.



Emily and Rolla Gould (1917) children. L-R: Frank, Howard, Wallace and Luanna (seated).

Luanna Katherine Gould, born October 19, 1907, has her B.A. Degree from Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Illinois and a Master's Degree from the University of Illinois. She is retired after forty-two years of teaching and lives in the family home in the village of Bone Gap. She was honored with membership in Kappa Delta Pi and in Delta Kappa Gamma. She is active in the Bone Gap United Methodist Church. She enjoys yard and garden work especially when there are flowers to cut and share.

WALLACE E. GOULD

Wallace E. Gould, son of Rolla and Emily Woodham Gould, was born October 18, 1904, at Bone Gap, Illinois. He graduated from Bone Gap High School and then attended the University of Illinois. For forty-two years he was an experimental engineer in the Mueller Company in Decatur, Illinois. He married Bertha Auberle. They are members of First Lutheran Church, Decatur, Illinois. They have one daughter, Doris Luanne, born October 17, 1938, who is now Mrs. Richard Barnett. She has completed a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois. Her husband has a Master's Degree in structural engineering from the University of Illinois, and is a structural engineer with A.E. Staley Company. He has special interest and experience locating sites and for designing factory buildings. The Barnett children are William Gene (Bill), born June 26, 1959, employed at the A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company; Diana Joan, born August 4, 1960, a home economics student at the University of Illinois; and Barbara Jo, born May 9, 1962, a senior at Eisenhower High School in Decatur, Illinois.

RALPH W. GRADY

John Logan Graddy, youngest child of Richard and Elizabeth Norton Graddy, was born in Wayne County March 31, 1863. His parents moved from the farm to Carmi where he lived until grown. He returned to Ellery and was employed as a farm hand.

He was married to Leona Woods, February 25, 1889. She was the oldest child of George and Hattie Shaw Woods. She grew up on her father's farm, which was about one-half mile west of Ellery.

The Graddy home was near Scotts Station and adjoining the Woods farm. Mr. Graddy, better known as Uncle Logan, was well-known as the local barber. He was of service to all the farmers in the surrounding area, as he had his shop in his home and worked evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays, so no one lost any time away from work. He lived to be 81 years old and died on May 19, 1944.

They had one son, Ralph Woods Graddy, born October 5, 1899. He left home in 1917 and went to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he got work as a trainman on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He worked there until May 1955 when he was retired on a disability.

Leona (better known as Lennie) died at her son's home June 24, 1951. She had been bedfast for several years.

Ralph Graddy married Esther Hortin June 12, 1926. They went to live in Effingham, Illinois, but two years later moved to Terre Haute, where they have lived ever since except for two and one-half years during the depression. From April 1932 until August 1935 they lived in the old George Woods house near Ellery. Their youngest son, George Edward, was born in that house February 6, 1933, and named for his great grandfather. He now lives in Lansing, Illinois.

The other children are James A. Graddy, born in Effingham April 24, 1927, who lives in San Rafael, California; Ruth Marie (Mrs. Charles B. Strickland), born April 22, 1930, who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana; and Ralph Waldo (twin to Ruth) an invalid since birth with cerebral palsy, who lived at home with his mother, died October 2, 1980.

Esther Hortin was the oldest daughter of Bertram and Caroline Potter Hortin. She was born in Edwards County on a farm southeast of Browns. She had seven brothers and sisters: Harold, Ruth, Wilbur (deceased), Hattie, Margaret, and twins

married Bertram Hortin. Their issue: Harold, Esther (Hortin) Graddy, Ruth (Hortin) Etheridge, Wilbur, Hattie (Hortin) Hughes, Margaret (Hortin) Woods, Ernest and Francis.

Maggie Potter (April 13, 1883-April 1921) married Phillip Hortin. Their issue: Elbert, Vera (Hortin) Fewkes, Elmer, Mary (Hortin) Chalcraft, Myrtle (Hortin) Michels, Robert and Clyde.

Hattie Potter (March 9, 1886-December 13, 1964) married Frank Johnson. Their issue: Wilma (Johnson) Schmittler.

Carl Potter (May 9, 1888-September 24, 1889).

Edith Potter (January 10, 1891-January 28, 1958) married (April 9, 1911) Glenn T. Saxe (October 20, 1889-June 27, 1972). Their children: Drexel, Ruby (Saxe) Amann, Florence (Saxe) Hortin, Lester, Marie (Saxe), Green, Dante, Clara (Saxe) Lankford.

Myrtle Potter (December 17, 1892-September 5, 1967) married William M. Curtis. Their children: Charles, Annisa (Curtis) Bosecker, Harold.

Tina Potter (March 11, 1895-August 15, 1895).

Esther, having been baptized in infancy in the Church of England, confirmed by the Bishop, given a religious education, was a kind and loving mother, a wonderful neighbor, midwife to many women in the Mt. Zion Community, highly respected by all, suffering greatly in her last days, patiently remaining loyal to her Master. Charles, as honest, upright, respected neighbor and farmer, served as a Justice of Peace in French Creek Precinct, was widely known for his unique ability as a carpenter, watch, clock and telephone repairman.



Charles and Esther Potter Family

WILLIAM POTTER

Delia Grace (Potter) Wick was the daughter of William and Lucy (Kellett) Potter. William was the son of Charles (1813-1895) and Caroline (Beatles) Potter (1819-1908). Charles and Caroline were born in Sussex County, England and came to America in September 1840. They had six children: Anna, Charles, Caroline, Harriet, Mary and William.

William (1857-1914) married Lucy Kellett (1858-1910) in Edwards County (October 2, 1879) in the Dunk School neighborhood. They had six children: (1) Delia married George Wick of Edwards County. They had three children: Bessie Susan married Elbert Fewkes; Lyman Edgar never married, died (October 18, 1943); and Glenn William married Ruth Hallam. They had two children: Glenna and Marvin. Delia and George lived in the Boultinghouse Prairie neighborhood, close to Mt. Zion Church, where they attended and were members. Their children and grandchildren were also members of the Mt. Zion Church; (2) Alfred married Anna Fearn. They had one son, Kenneth, who died (February 1954); (3) Francis served in the United States Army, never married, and died (1918); (4) Ellen married Harrison Curtis. They had one son,

Francis; (5) Harry went to Montana as a young man, where he homesteaded and married. He had three sons: Dick, Jack, and Kim. Harry died (1952), his wife, Mildred, still lives in Montana; (6) Lyman served in the United States Army, changed his name to Fred J. Michels, never married, died (1975).

ROLLIE E. PUNTNEY

Rollie E. Puntney was born in Dixon Precinct Jan. 21, 1884, the son of Mitchell and Fanny Glover Puntney. Rollie had one brother Otis, and one sister Agnes Puntney Vincent, two half brothers Joe and Sam all deceased.

He attended Dixon School. In Jan. 22, 1905 he was united in marriage to Mary Elma Tait, daughter of John and Ada Dunk Tait. To this union was born one daughter, Fanny. Fanny graduated in 1927 as a Registered Nurse from Welborn Baptist Hospital of Evansville, Indiana. She did private duty and for a time was Asst. Supervisor of Nursing until the depression days.

She returned to South Edwards and worked in the capacity of Public Nurse in Edwards County, until 1943. Fanny Puntney was united in marriage to Joseph F. Bunting local businessman April 27, 1939.

Rollie was engaged in farming and stock raising. He was interested in higher education and served as the first President of the Albion Community High School. Other directors at the time, now deceased were: O.A. Bunting, Otis Harris, Arch Stanhope and Sec. Ferdinand Schock.

Rollie loved sports, especially baseball, he was known and loved for his friendly and jolly nature, always finding time to either visit with friends and neighbors or lend a helping hand in time of need.

In 1922 he and his wife Elma took little Marie Vincent into their home, her mother having passed away. They loved Marie as their own and saw fit to educate her at Lockyear Business College in Evansville, Indiana. Marie is now Mrs. Marie McQuillan of St. Petersburg, Florida. Rollie passed away suddenly of a heart attack May 10, 1951. His widow Mary Elma lived for a time on the farm, later moving to Albion near to her daughter Fanny. Mrs. Puntney passed away Feb. 26, 1977 at the age of 90 years.

A memorial to my beloved parents, Rollie and Mary Elma Puntney.

EUGENE O. QUILLEN

Eugene O. Quillen, better known as "Gene", born 4 September 1917, in Casey, Clark County, Illinois. The seventh of nine children born to Charles Timothy and Nellie Nevada (Misner) Quillen. Gene's parents spent most of their married life in Clark and Richland County in Illinois, except a few years spent in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Other children born to Charley and Nellie were: Nora Tarpley born 11 March 1907; Infant Son Orvie, 12 March 1909-died 12 April 1909; Mary Peer, 17 February 1910; Letha Lane, 20 December 1911; Infant Daughter Ruby, born and died 12 August 1913; Mildred Bail, 19 November 1914; Ralph, 13 December 1919; Muriel Watson, 11 October 1921.

Gene moved with his mother and family to Richland County from Casey, when about five years old and remained there attending grammar and high school. He worked in a bakery and restaurant to help pay for his high school education. In October 1936 he enlisted in the Air Force at St. Louis, Missouri, and was stationed at Scott Field Air Base, Belleville, Illinois, until his discharge in March 1938.

On 5 January 1938, Gene was married to Pauline Steward. She is the daughter of John and Mary (Hughes) Steward and was born 1 September 1919 at Olney, Richland County, Illinois. She and Gene were married at St. Louis, Missouri, and lived in Belleville until his discharge from service.

After his discharge they returned to Richland County and Gene worked at various jobs, in the oil field and drove a delivery truck for Coca-Cola Bottling Company. They also lived and worked in Vandalia for a short time. In July 1940 he went to work for Pure Oil Company working as a pumper and roustabout around Noble and Clay City, until the spring of 1960. At

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June Ann Smith married Bob Thompson on 10 January 1956 at Fairfield, Illinois. Bob was born 11 March 1932 at Dahinda, Knox County, Illinois the son of Roy Otis and Sarah Jane (Ward) Thompson of Galesburg, Illinois. He spent eight years in the U.S. Air Force. The children of Bob and June Thompson are: Ruby Jane, born 18 July 1961; Roberta June, born 2 August 1962; Walter Otis, born 11 September 1963. They live in Golden Gate.

Emma Smith, daughter of Benton and Ella Smith, married four times as follows: (1) Clyde Spain, and had children George Edward, Norma Jean, Clarence Albert, and Betty Jean; (2) Alva Lee Harrison, and had three children, Ellenor Dean, Melvin Lee, Marcella; (3) Raymond Owens, and had two children, Raymond Eugene and Edith Mae Mason; (4) Everett Benjamin Anderson.

Inez Smith, daughter of Benton and Ella Smith, married Ora 'Orie' Harrison. Their children are: Corean, Robert, Harlem and Imajean Harrison. Inez later married a Flowers and lives in Festus, Missouri.

Richard William Smith, son of Benton and Ella Smith, married Flora 'Belle' Young who was born 24 January 1919 in Springerton, Illinois. Their children are: Carl Clifford (I), Mary Elizabeth, and Robert William (I).

Benton Smith (II) has two living grandsons who have carried on the Smith family name, Walter and Richard Smith of Fairfield, Illinois; three great grandsons, Robert W. (I) of Wilmington, Illinois, Carl C. (I) of Hering, Tennessee, and Benton Smith of Fairfield; and two great-great grandsons, Robert W. (II) and Carl C. (II).



Walter Smith in 1958

FRANK K. SMITH

Frank K. Smith was born June 15, 1847 to Wm. and Harriet Nash Smith. He settled on a farm southeast of Ellery.

He married Mary Pote of New Harmony Dec. 12, 1870. She was the daughter of Tom Pote world champion boxer of England at one time. She was born in 1850.

Their children were: Rachel — born 1871, died at age two. Nora — born 1873 and died age fifteen. Gertrude — 1876 died 1958. Thomas Wm. — 1878 died 1959. John H. — 1880 died 1950. Rozetta — 1882 died age five.

They lived in a log cabin. Tom and John slept upstairs and many mornings woke up with their blankets covered with snow. Downstairs written in the varnish above the kitchen door was, "Frank Come to Hash". In the living room above one door was "God Bless This Home" and the other door "Praise the Lord".

Jess Crackle and Charlie Wiles were given a home till they

were able to earn a living.

Mary, age 36 and three daughters died of typhoid fever one year apart.

Frank married the second time to Denia Moore and had one daughter Zola. Zola was fourteen or fifteen when her mother died. She married Clarence Green. They had four children, Deletis, Edith, John and Elsie. She died when Elsie was two months old.

Gertrude married Philip Etheridge, son of Joseph Etheridge. Six children were born, Mary, Frank, Cecil, Virgil, Edith, and Lorene.

Thomas W. married Luella Woodham, daughter of Compton and Ann Potter Woodham. They had two daughters Genevieve and Mable. A foster son, Max Green, who was taken in their home at the age of 12 after his parents, Clarence and Katie Fisher Green died.

John married Connie Bunting daughter of Maurice and Florence Stafford Bunting. They had four children Mary, Arleigh, Ida, and Frances Kay. Connie died and he married Nannie McMurty.

Frank built a new two story house with maple trees and a fancy wire fence all around it. He had an apple orchard and a vineyard of many kinds of grapes, plums, quince and berries.

He had a grove of many huge oaks and sassafras trees and blue grass. He followed his father's (Billy Smith's) traits as having chowders each year for neighbors far and near. They came by the wagon load.

He had twelve brothers and sisters — Ellsworth, William, Morris, George, Sydney, Fannie, Florence, Sarah, Louisa, Laura, Emma, and Hannah.

The undertaker Nat Smith of Albion came with a horse drawn hearse to take Frank K. away. He was buried in the old Albion Cemetery near his father and family.

FRANK T. SMITH

Frank T. Smith, (Sept. 30, 1899-Oct. 25, 1968) the son of Alva and Alice Hortin Smith united in marriage to Verdina May Jones (May 19, 1903), daughter of Edward and Ida Henderson Jones, on December 9, 1922. To this union seven children were born, namely: Thomas (Jan. 18, 1924-died in infancy), Cyril J. (Feb. 18, 1926), married Velma Libke, children Randy Gene, married Barbara Utley, had 2 daughters, Andy and Angie, then married Connie Stremme; Rhonda Rae married Albert Wheatly, they have 2 sons, Forest Roy and Clinton. Kenneth Doyle (March 18, 1928) married Betty Covell, they have 2 children, Thoma Jo, married Gary Burch, 3 children Kimberly, Bradley and Lindsey; Samuel Doyle, married Sheila Nash, they have 2 daughters, Shedina and Secily. Lester Paul, July 11, 1931 married Eva Merritt, they have 2 children, Tracy and Kirk. Minnie K., March 9, 1935 married Carl Eugene Seifert, October 20, 1956, have 1 son David Lee, August 13, 1958. David married Sharon Phillips, Jan. 13, 1979, they have one step son, Scott Phillips born March 20, 1975. Dennis Wayne, July 6, 1948 married Betty Jo Tribe, they have Greg Tribe and Robbie Tribe and Darrell Ray Smith. Marjorie May, October 7, 1940, married Tom Chitwood, have two children, Paula Kay and Jeffery Dale.

The family has resided in Edwards County all of their lives except when in the military. Kenneth and Cyril have owned the Quality Cleaners together until January of 1980, when Betty and Kenneth bought Cyril and Velma out. Lester works for State of Illinois and his wife, Eva, is present County Treasurer. Minnie works at the cleaners for her brother and his wife. Gene works for the State of Illinois. Dennis "Bud" works for the State of Illinois; his wife, Betty, works at Champion Laboratories, Margie works at Johnnye Mfg. Co., and Tom works for Champion Laboratories.

GEORGE EDWARD SMITH

George Smith was born June 29, 1883. Killed in a tractor accident May 8, 1963. He was married to Flossie Bunnage June 30, 1904. Flossie was born Mar. 16, 1885, died Feb. 17, 1960.

They had three children: James George, born June 2, 1904, and died July 4, 1957. Roy Clinton, born May 21, 1912 and Perl W. born Sept. 2, 1917.

wife, Mary, was born at Crowland, Lincolnshire, England in May of 1795. They arrived in Edwards County in late 1819, and had come from Stickney, England at the urging of Mary's brother, John Cowling, who had sailed over the year before to the new territory. Settling on land in the Bon Pas Prairie, French Creek Precinct area, they cleared the land, built a log home and raised eight children. The children included: Sarah (1818-1858); John (1820-1857); William (1823-1840); Caroline (1825-187?); Richard (1828-1895); Sidney (1830-1903); Frederick (1833-1909); Alfred (1835-1904). William died in 1840 and Thomas died in August of 1842 of appendicitis.

By 1850, John and his brother, Sidney, left for California to join the flock of goldminers. They settled in Shasta County and placer mined until John drowned, in 1857. The two were joined by Frederick in 1853. In later years both Sidney and Frederick purchased ranches in the Redding, California vicinity and these ranches remained in the family until the early 1960's, when they were sold to the State of California. Presently, their descendants live in the Redding, California area.

In 1861, Alfred left for Missouri and settled in Cash County, south of Kansas City, where he farmed. His family continues to live in that region, some of his descendants, however, have moved to Oregon and California.

Richard Smith and his sister, Sarah, remained in Edwards County with their mother, Mary, who lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five. Sarah married Elijah Hoover and had four children.

Richard Smith married Rebecca Brown in December on 1850, and to this union were born four children. They included: Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) (1850-1925), Olive, Malissa, and John. Rebecca died in 1864 and Richard then married Lydia Hallam, in 1867. Two sons were born: Sidney and Albert.

T.J. Smith married Rosa Gillard, in 1875. They had three children: Richard, Alva and Lotta. During his lifetime he was a very prominent citizen in Edwards County. An active farmer, banker and businessman, he and his family resided at Dixon Precinct. He served as a county commissioner, and also established the Old Smith School.

Al Smith was born in 1877 and died in 1968. He married Alice Hortin in 1899. He was a farmer in the Mount Zion region for many years and was considered to be one of the hardest working men in Edwards County. Al enjoyed training horses and for many years managed the herd owned by the Nale's Company. Alice Smith was known for her warmth and generosity. She particularly enjoyed the Edwards County Fair, where she was known for her blue ribbon pastries and canned goods. They had ten children. They included: Frank, Alice, Rosa, Rowena, Dorena, Edwin, Glenn, Mary, Clyde and Dorothy.



Richard Smith and family. Picture contains Al, his dad T.J. and Richard Smith.

THOMAS SMITH

Thomas Smith and Mary Cowling Smith were born, raised, and married in England. They came to America in the early 1800's and settled in Edwards County, near the home of her brother, Sir John Cowling, South East of Albion.

A son, Richard Smith (Aug. 22, 1823) (Nov. 8, 1895) married Rebeckah A. Brown (July 7, 1832) (March 29, 1864) December 5, 1850 at a Methodist Church in Edwards County.



Back, L-R: Vernon and Vella, Front: Mrs. Lola, Dorothy, and John Q. Smith.

They had four children: Thomas, Ollie (Bowers), Melissa (Walsh), and John Quincy.

John Q. Smith (1861-1926) and Lola Mary Hoover (1860-1941) were married at her parents home, John Hoover and Harriet Hassel Hoover in Edwards County on October 11, 1882. Three children were born: Vernon Richard Smith (1883-1952), Vella Rebecca (July 26, 1886) (May 17, 1975), and Dorothy (1900-1915).

Vernon Richard Smith (July 18, 1883-1952) was born and raised in the Mt. Zion area. He married Bessie Summer of Calvin, Illinois in March of 1910. To this union were born five children: Arlene (Jan. 22, 1911) (Pritchett), Vernetta (April 14, 1913) (Arbuthnot), Dorothealea (1916) (Rhinehart), Robert (1918), and William (1924).

In 1924 Vernon operated a plumbing shop in Albion.

Vella Rebecca Smith was born and raised in the Mt. Zion area in Edwards County. That area was also called Boultinghouse Prairie. The family moved to the North West Section of Grayville when Vella was 12 years old. As a young girl, Vella took buggy rides with girl friends and sometimes raced the train at Siegert Station near Fortney Church in Edwards County. Vella married Minor Roberts (Dec. 16, 1881) (July 2, 1964) of Kentucky on November 14, 1906 at Grayville. They had two children: John Q. Roberts (Aug. 30, 1907) (Sept. 3, 1957) and Donald Vernon Roberts (Sept. 2, 1911) (Feb. 5, 1974) both born in Edwards County.

John Q. married Genevieve Frankland (July 21, 1911) of Grayville. They had two sons: Gary Wayne (July 26, 1947) and Dennis Roland Roberts (May 25, 1955). Gary Wayne is married to Audrey Fieber of Edwards County. Dennis is single and lives in Grayville.

Donald Vernon Roberts married Emily Elizabeth Stokes (Jan. 24, 1909) at the bride's parents home on the 24th of December 1935 in Carmi, Illinois. To this union three children were born: Robert Larry (June 27, 1938) who married Margaret Ann Berry of Morganfield, Ky. They have 2 children and reside in Peoria, Illinois. Donna Gail (May 29, 1941) married Larry Bell of Carmi, Illinois and have 3 daughters and reside in Cobden, Illinois. Judith Velada (Oct. 12, 1945) who married Melvin D. Cowling II, and have 4 children and reside in the Fortney Community of Edwards County. (Refer to Cowling History).

THOMAS W. SMITH

Thomas W. Smith bought eighty acres across from his father (Frank K.) southeast of Ellery. They cleared a lot of the land in this vicinity. While working in the timber with Compton Woodham, he met Luella daughter of Compton of Grayville. They were married on the porch at her home near Grayville Nov. 12, 1901 with 200 guests. They built a new house and later a barn on the above eighty. They were blessed with two girls, Genevieve 1904 and Mable 1908. A foster son, Max Green, whose parents were Clarence and Katie Fisher Green.

They had a large orchard and raised Duroc hogs and Angus 415

Clarabelle (Racster) Shepherd. They have a daughter and a son; Forrest is married to Tommie Goforth. Forrest has two daughters by a former marriage and a step son.

Clifford died in April 1934. Ellen (Wood) Works was then married to Robert I. Whitehead, son of Henry and Clara (Compton) Whitehead on September 21, 1955. Robert was a mechanic and had one son by a previous marriage (Robert Charles). Robert I's wife was the former Beulah Coleman (she died April 7, 1952). Their son, Robert Charles is married to the former Joyce Walton, daughter of the late Clyde and Frances (Jacobs) Walton. Bob and Joyce have one son: Walton (married Lori Orr); and a daughter, Angelia. Robert I. Whitehead died 14 December 1965.

William F. Wood married Moretta Works, daughter of George and Margaret (True) Works November 13, 1932. He spent his entire life in Edwards County living on his same farm forty five years after marriage. William had farmed all his life until he retired, he died April 18, 1977.

Frank Wood, a brother of Charles, was never married and made his home with his brother Charles and Ida. The brothers farmed together all their lives. Frank liked to hunt in his younger days, and was a great reader, and loved listening to the radio. Frank died in May 1955.

CORALIE DUNCAN WOOD

Coralie Duncan Wood born February 4, 1921, in Browns, IL, the second daughter of Harry and Etta Danielson Duncan. Coralie grew up and attended school in Browns graduating from the BROWNS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL. In 1940 she married John R. Wood Sr. of Danville, Indiana, an electrician by trade. They had three children JOHN R. WOOD Jr. (1940) who married Sandra Loehr in 1963. John Jr. has two children, a daughter Marcy Lee (1967) and a son Scott Douglas (1969). John Jr. has served as an OSI Agent in the USAF for twenty years, spending four years in London, England, and one year in Korea, as well as several special assignments. He presently resides in Del Rio, Texas. A second son RONALD EUGENE WOOD (1942) married Nancy Pratl in (1968). Ronald has three children, two sons RUSSELL EUGENE (1970) and RYAN EDWARD (1974), and a daughter, PAMELA LYNN (1971). Ronald presently lives in Woodbridge, Virginia, and has worked for the USDA in Washington, D.C., for fifteen years. He is the Assistance Head of U.S. Fresh Products Division. He sets up the standards for the administrating grading service and travels all around the United States teaching grading classes. Coralie's only daughter, NANCY CAROLE (1944), graduated from Lockyears Business College of Evansville, Indiana, and worked for Mead Johnson Company until her marriage in 1965 to Steven Bare. She now resides in Peoria, IL where Steven is an engineer for the Caterpillar Tractor Company. They have two children, a daughter, BETHANY ELLEN (1969), and a son, BRUCE ERIC (1972). John R. Wood Sr. died (1968). Coralie resides in Browns, IL, and works for Central Illinois Public Service Company of Albion, IL.



John and Coralie Wood

COMPTON WOODHAM

Compton Woodham was born in Illinois September 1, 1836, and was married to Ann Potter, born December 28, 1842, in Edwards County, Illinois.

Ann's parents, Charles Potter, born October 21, 1813, and Carolyn Beadles, born February 22, 1819, both in Sussex, England, were married at the bride's home in England and the very next day started for their new home in America. Ann's brothers and sisters were Charles, Carolyn, Harriet, Mary, and William. The family lived in French Creek Precinct in Edwards County. The writer owns a small plate said to be part of the set of dishes Charles and Carolyn brought with them from England.

Compton and Ann lived and raised their seven children on the farm that had been improved by his parents. George and Mary Ann Houston Woodham.

From 1880-1886 Compton served two terms as an Edwards County Commissioner.

The names of the Compton Woodham children with year of birth, name of spouse and some other information follows: Charles W., born in 1882, married Emma Gillard. They had two daughters, Lucy and Dolly, and a son, Alva. Their farm home was south west of Albion. Later they moved to Florida. George E., born in 1864, married Lulu Etheridge. Their farm was just north and adjoining that of his brother Charles. They had one son, John. George died just before their second son, George, was born. The family moved to Grayville. John Franklin, born in 1867, married Minnie Saxe. He served two full terms as County Clerk of Edwards County and at the time of his death was serving a third term. They had lived on West Main Street in Albion. After his death his widow went to Davenport, Iowa, took all the necessary schooling, and became a Doctor of Chiropractic. She located in Morning Sun, Iowa, was very successful, and put both daughters, Rowena and Alberta, through Oberlin College. Emily, born in 1870, married Rolla Gould. Their family history appears separately. James Maurice, born in 1873, married Isabelle Pierce. Their only child died in infancy. They farmed in Mitchell School District out from Ellery, Illinois. Luella P., born in 1878, married Thomas W. Smith. Their farm adjoined that of her brother Maurice on the north. Their family history appears elsewhere. Harry C., born in 1882, married Edna Banks. They had one daughter, Virginia Ann. He was a teacher. On her father's side, Edna was a distant relative of Grandma Moses. When Grandma Moses was near one hundred years old, Edna made a trip and visited her. Harry and Edna made their home in San Jose, California. He is deceased but she still lives in their home in San Jose which she shares with her sister. Her letters, though less frequent, are still in a clear strong handwriting.

Compton and Ann moved from the farm to Grayville where they lived for a short time and then moved to West Main Street in Albion where they spent their final days. He died



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October 24, 1913, and she lived seven additional years. She died September 23, 1920. The writer still treasures a yellow rose and lemon lilies the starts of which came from Grandma Woodham's garden.

GEORGE WOODHAM

George Woodham was born in Compton, Surrey County, England, February 24, 1794 and came to Edwards County in 1818. November 26, 1823, he married Mary Ann Houston who had been born in Ohio in February, 1801. These birth dates agree with those in the 1860 census but the 1850 census shows the couple as two years younger than this. The 1883 History of Edwards, Lawrence, and Wabash Counties, Illinois, said of him that he was a poor man who first located at Wanborough, near the present town of Albion. In 1830 they moved to the west part of French Creek Precinct where he improved "an excellent farm and amassed a good competency for his old age." George died March 6, 1870. In 1883 his widow was living at the family home with her son Compton Woodham and family. She died October 5, 1884.

The children of George and Mary Ann Woodham are named here as they were recorded in the 1850 census. Information in addition to date of birth has been gleaned from other sources.

Westley was born in 1831. His wife, whose first name was Eliza, was born in 1831. In 1860 the Westley Woodham children were Mary, 1853; William, 1857; and Hetty, 1859. After some years of farming in Edwards County this family moved to California. In 1951 there was a Tim Woodham Service Station on a spacious location in Santa Rosa California. June 27, 1980, in a telephone conversation, a younger Tim Woodham mentioned a bachelor uncle named Westley. The name Westley was the only connection apparent with Compton Woodham's brother, the son of George Woodham.

Elizabeth Woodham, born in 1832, married a farmer, George Hearsom, born in 1828. In 1870 the George Hearsom children were: Arthur, 1852; Mariann, 1856; George, 1858; Alice, 1860; Mary, 1867; and Walter, 1869.

Compton, born in 1836, married Ann Potter. Their history appears separately.

Serepta, born in 1839, married Edwin T. Sensennan on August 16, 1855.

CECIL WOODS

Cecil Harold Woods was born November 6, 1918, in Richland County, Bonpas Township, Parkersburg, Illinois. His father was James Monroe Woods, born September 10, 1883, in Stendal, Indiana, and died May, 1945, in Brooksville, Florida. His mother, Emma Gertrude (Crump) Woods was born March 18, 1886, in Bridgeport, Illinois, and died November, 1945, in Olney, Illinois. Cecil was one of nine children.

Marie Elizabeth (Voigt) Woods was born January 11, 1919, in West Salem, Illinois. Her father was Ralph Frank Voigt, born December 10, 1892, in Edwards County, West Salem, Illinois, and died July 30, 1979. Her mother, Dora Olga (Maas) Voigt was born November 22, 1895, in Richland County, Bonpas Township, Parkersburg, Illinois. Marie has one sister, Mrs. Frances B. Rose.

Cecil and Marie both attended West Salem High School and graduated in 1937. They were married on April 28, 1939. Cecil farmed until 1973 when they moved to West Salem. Cecil and Marie are both presently employed at Champion Laboratories in West Salem. To them were born six children:

Mrs. Karen Frances (Woods) Tarpley was born December 18, 1940. She and her husband William Lee Tarpley are parents of two children — Holly Marie and Harley Lee. They reside at Bone Gap, Illinois.

Madeline Kay Woods was born December 29, 1942 and died December 30, 1942.

Tommy Joe Woods, born and died December 3, 1943.

Maratha Jean Woods, born and died January 17, 1947.

Mrs. Virginia Margaret (Woods) Snyder was born March 21, 1951. She and her husband, William Lee Snyder, are parents of four children, Jill Lynette, Bradley William, Jesse

Frank and Amanda Jean. They reside at Palestine, Illinois.

Jack Voigt Woods was born September 11, 1962. Jack is a senior at Edwards High School this term.

CHARLES P. WOODS

Elizabeth Lord and Charlie Woods were married March 14, 1872. Elizabeth was the daughter of Abner and Mary Lord who came to Illinois from Ohio. She was born January 19, 1852 and died August 1925. Charlie was the son of William and Mary Woods who came from Surrey, England in 1818. He was born October 12, 1851 and died May 13, 1909.

They began housekeeping in a log house just east of what is now Ellery. Ellery was created in 1880. They received their mail every two or three months in Albion until the stagecoach route went through about 1840. The mail was then delivered to the post office at Wabash (now Scottsville) two or three times each week. The Post Office was moved to Ellery in 1880. When the railroad went through Ellery, the Woods family built a house on the hill just south of Ellery.

Charlie and Elizabeth had nine children: William (January 29, 1874-April 13, 1955) married Lena Lines. They had no children but raised a niece, Mary Johnson.

Annie was born August 16, 1875 and died on December 10, 1932. She was never married.

Frank was born August 29, 1877 — January 15, 1958, and was married to Georgia Johnson. They had no children.

Susie was born January 3, 1882 — January 26, 1956, married Ed Michels. They had two sons, Bernard (deceased), had a son Bill, who lives in New Jersey, and Hayward who is married and lives in Waterloo, Iowa.

Gertrude (March 20, 1884-July 13, 1917) married Morris Johnson. They had four children. Aline married James Hamilton and had one daughter, Barbara, who married Jim Thompson, Jim and Barbara have three children, Eddie, Marsha, and Craig. Alice married Dale Moore, and have three sons, Lester married Joyce Milburn, who has three daughters Leslie, Melinda, and Alyson and lives in Evansville, Indiana. Leroy married Betty Walker and has two children, Rhonda and Russell. Rhonda married Bill Bunnage and has one daughter, Nicole and they make their home in Mt. Erie. Charles married Wilma Burkett, and they have four children, Brian, Angela, Patrick, and Karla. Charlie married Edna Fisher, parents of two daughters, Karen married Glen Waln and has two daughters, Terri and Cheryl. Ardis married Marvin Wick and has three sons, Brad, Clint, and Jeff, they live near Albion. Mary married John Wright and has two daughters, Katherine married Noel Wilson and they have two sons, Gary and Mark. They make their home in Evansville, Indiana. Bonnie married Roger Mann and had two daughters, Kim and Jill, later marrying Earl Fewkes.

Freddie Woods was born September 1886 and died the same month. Mary Woods was born in January 1890 and died the same month.

George Woods born September 14, 1891-November 30, 1979 in Waterloo, Iowa, married Lucille Sherrat and has a daughter, Dorothy who married Daniel Armor. Their children are Diane and David. Diane is married and they all live in Arizona.

Howard born October 20, 1894-February 23, 1962, married Ella Robinson who died in 1918. Secondly marrying Beulah Porter and had three stillborn children. He served in World War I.

All other family members live in the Ellery community.

CHESTER WILLIAM WOODS

Chester (Chet) Woods 1870-1961, son of George and Hattie Shaw Woods was born on the farm west of Ellery that had been in the Woods family for well over a hundred years.

He soon became interested in politics and public affairs for which he became well known. One of his first jobs was working in the penitentiary at Chester, Illinois.

With the assistance of the able congressman, Tom Williams, of his home district, he obtained a position in Washington D.C. as an elevator operator in the Capitol Building. Here he



E.B. Woods



Zola (Spray) Woods

EDWARD LELAND WOODS

John Woods sailed from Portsmouth England and settled in Wanborough in 1819. His second wife three sons and two daughters came with him. Later he kept a rooming house in Albion. He bought land southeast of Ellery from a Mr. Collins who bought it from the governor. They moved to Shawneetown. He died in 1831 and is buried there. His wife and children returned to Albion.

Their son Wm. married Mary Thompson in 1841. They had two girls and five sons.

A son George married Hattie Shaw. They built an addition to the Virden log cabin 1/4 miles west of Ellery where Lincoln stayed all night on his trail. Seven boys and two girls were born to this union.

A son, Edward Leland Woods married Nellie Lines, daughter of Laffette and Jane McCollum Lines. He died in May 1909, age 34. She died at age 79. They had four children, John, Charlie, Laura and Helen.

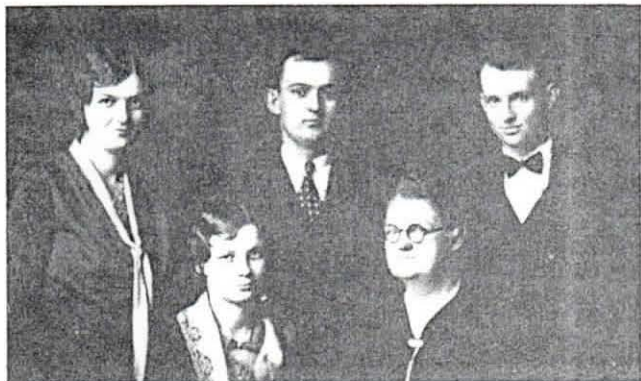
John married Dewdrop Graves of Mississippi. He retired from Cities Service Oil Company at Oklahoma City and lived in Memphis. He died in 1974 and is buried there.

Charlie married Genevieve Smith, daughter of Thoms. W. and Luella Woodham Smith. He worked at the Johnny Woods store and Post Office and farmed. Genevieve's parents gave them eighty acres and they built a house. Charlie's great-great grandfather, John, had owned this. Charlie farmed with his father-in-law. A stage coach trail went through the corner of this farm.

They have two children Lugene (1926) and Lillian (1929). Lugene married Kenneth Millar. They have one daughter Sally, born 1965. They live at Flora, Ill. Lillian married Charles (Skee) Hilgeman. They live on and farm the same land Charlie did. They have a son Charles (Chuck), born 1960. Chuck married Terri Orr (1980) the daughter of Paul and Marjorie Doty Orr. Chuck and Terri live at Carmi.

Charlie was killed in an automobile wreck in 1978. They had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1974.

Charles said he started as a Republican when he hauled voters to the polls with a horse and buggy at age eight. He was precinct committeeman 30 some years and Edwards county



Laura Woods Curtis, John Woods, Charlie Woods, Helen Wheeler, Nelle Lines Woods.

chairman several years.

Laura married Willard Curtis of near Peoria and is a retired nurse. She has two children, Sandra Cunningham in N. Carolina, who has two children Ann and Dan. Edward of Bloomington, Indiana has three children, Paul, Patti and Robert.

Helen married Clyde Wheeler near Peoria and lives at Decatur. They have two children Mrs. Don (Jane) Latshaw of Decatur. They have three children Steve, John and Annie. Mrs. Henry (Laurelee) Cohen of Chicago. She has three children Micheal, Gary and Kelly Denenberg. Helen is also a retired nurse.

The Edward Woods family belonged to the Ellery Christian Church.

EDWARD LEROY WOODS

Edward LeRoy Woods was born June 4, 1921, in Brown precinct with an Albion address in Edwards County. A graduate of the old Albion Community High School Class of 1940. I was the second of three sons born to Ben Woods (a retired school teacher of twenty six years) and Julia (Curtis) Woods. My paternal grandmother was a Curtis also, and her father was "old Billy Curtis" the founder of Union Congregational Church in 1833. (At that time the church was an independent church, also called a Christian church, Congregational, etc. until inactivated with only two members.)

My maternal grandparents were George and Ann (Jacques) Curtis; George's parents were George Sr. (Veteran of Black Hawk War) and Julia (Gould) Curtis, direct descendants of John Alden and Priscilla (Mullens). Early settlers from the Mayflower. Aldens had several children, one being my ancestor; another Longfellows, who wrote "Courtship of Milestandish"; another heir James Russell Lowell, a poet; and another child takes us through Adams, the two presidents John and John Q.

The Woods came from Killingham, England and arrived September 25, 1819 in Wanboro (Wanborough). There being John Woods and his second wife, Elizabeth Tobit, his children by his first wife (also named Elizabeth) consisting of: William (who settled at Ellery); George (later moved to Wisconsin); John Jr. (served as a County Clerk, Edwards County); Elizabeth (married Gibson Harris and had nine children); and Ann (married Richard Birkbeck, oldest son of Morris Birkbeck). Ann lived with her half brother Thomas Tobit Woods (born in Edwards County) in Enterprise neighborhood after her husbands death. The Woods are buried in the old Albion Cemetery near the west gate, except for John Woods, Sr. who is buried in Shawneetown. (Thomas Tobit only child by second marriage). (See other Woods stories)

As for myself, I was an avid sports fan. Anything connected with sports, I was there trying out for it win or lose. I was on the grade school softball team, I was their pitcher. In high school I played ping pong. In high school we also had a basketball team. I enjoy a good checker game, pitching horse-shoes, and washers.

I've lived almost my entire life in Edwards County except



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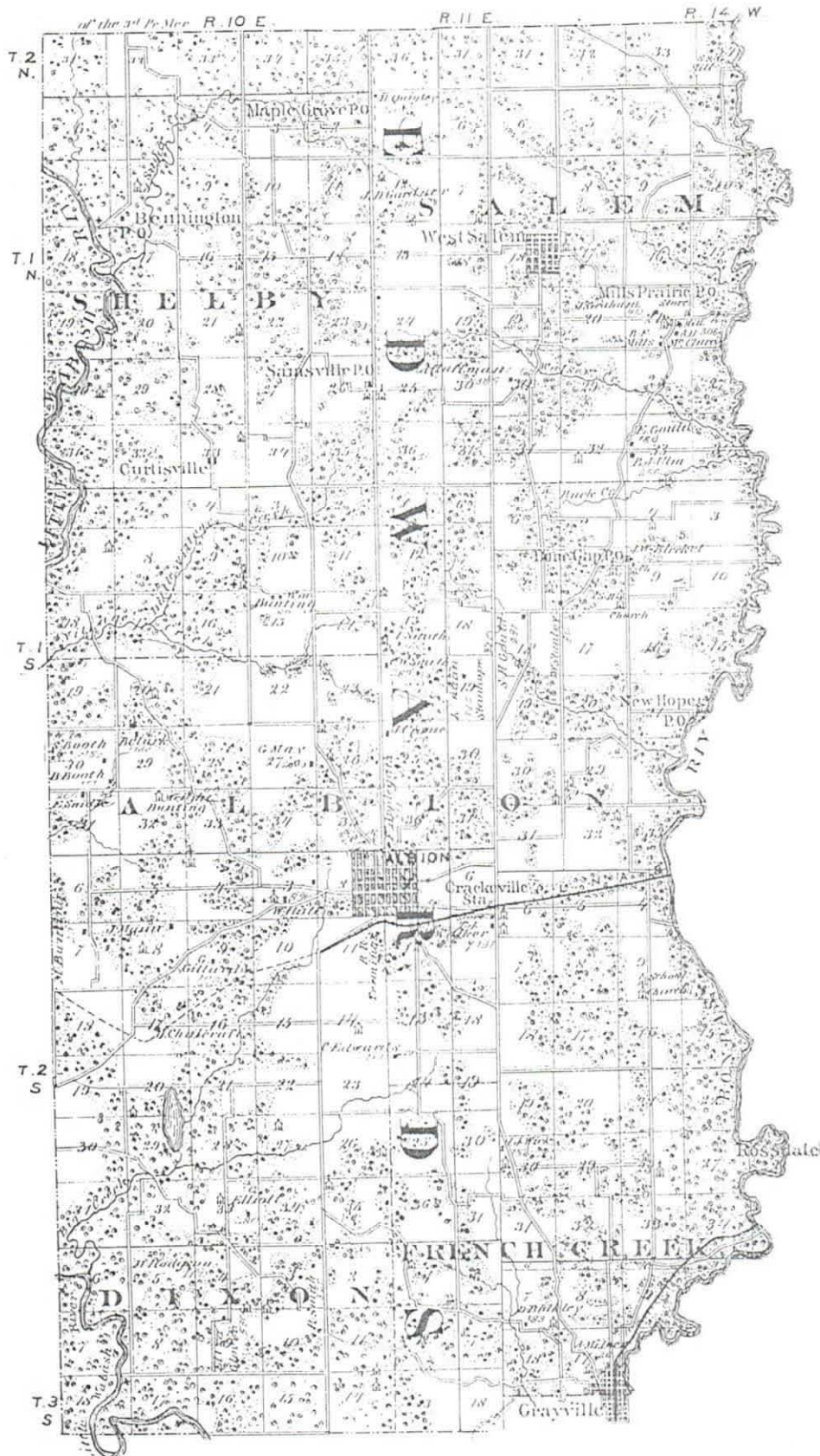
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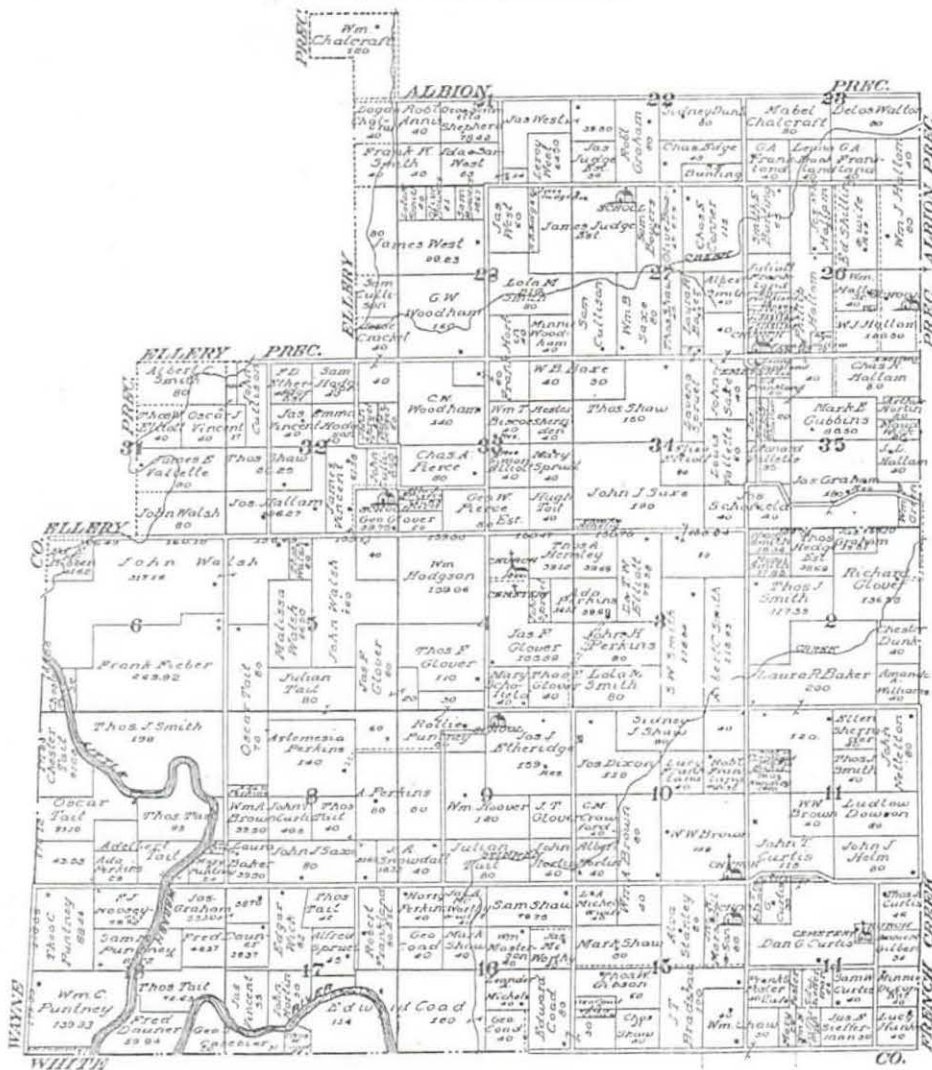
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DIXON PRECINCT

Part of Townships 2 & 3 South, Range 10 East of the 3rd PM



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Recorded history of Browns begins in 1880 when John Henderson and his wife Emma (Johnson) Henderson had the present site surveyed into blocks, streets, lots, and alleys and named it Frazier.

Dixon Precinct

This area south of Albion was known as Boultinghouse Precinct for some years but was renamed for John Dixon who was a prominent settler here in 1841. The first man to venture into this neighborhood was Joseph Boultinghouse who came here from White County in 1816 with a drove of hogs. He established a camp and allowed the hogs to forage in the Big Creek Timberlands. Some time later his severed head was found on a pole near his camp. It is reported that a wandering band of Shawnee Indians, responsible for his death, were in turn killed by a group of rangers. Daniel and James Boultinghouse, brothers of the deceased, settled in Section 26, Township Two South, Range Ten East in 1817. Thomas Riley,

a native of Ireland located in Section 17, Township Three South, Range Ten East in 1817. Another settler arriving the same year was Isaac Morris who came from a southern state and settled in Section Five. He reared a large family in a one-room log cabin. William Brown came from Maine in 1818 and in 1828 entered a quarter section in Section Ten. Others arriving in 1818 included William Everly, Charles Birks, James Kennedy, Thomas Sloan, and James Jordan. Thomas Harper moved to Section Three in 1822. The Thread family came from England and located in the north part of Dixon.

An important event in the precinct was the arrival of Joel Churchill, son of a wealthy English manufacturer and ship owner, in 1821. He settled on the Southwest Quarter of Section 34 and the first school in this community was founded on his farm in 1824 with Daniel Bain as teacher. The first mill in the area was a horse powered grist mill erected by John Elder in Section 4, in 1840. The first blacksmith shop was founded by John Smith in

Precinct was built in Section 10 by the Methodists in 1849. Joseph Shaw opened a store in 1846 in Section 10.

Ellery Precinct

Ellery Precinct as such did not exist in early history as a precinct but was included with Albion. That area now known as Ellery was, however, one of the early settlements in Edwards County. Birks' Prairie, which Flower visited and was astounded to find the owner, Captain Jeremiah Birks, sitting in the yard without a stitch of clothes cooling himself after a trip to the mill at Princeton, was located in Section 29, where Henry and John Huston also settled. Walter Anderson reportedly settled in Section 30, and here planted the first orchard in Edwards County. Records show that he also purchased land in Section 7 along with a Robert Anderson. A.S. Anderson entered land in the next section to the south as did Sidney Spring. Rollin and Joseph Lane along with Hugh Collins settled nearby. To the north, in Section 31, Alexander West purchased land while Uriel Emmerson settled southeast of this farm. John and William Woodland came here in 1817 from South Carolina but remained only a short time before they left with the Mormons. John Hunt moved into Section 17 but died here in 1820 leaving quite a family of children. These early settlements were made prior to the settlement of Albion.

John Woods and family arrived here in the fall of 1819 and purchased the Birks place, the Hugh Collins place, and the Samuel Anderson place.

French Creek Precinct

French Creek Precinct is in the southeast part of Edwards County. It is bounded on the east by Bonpas Creek and Wabash County, on the west by Dixon Precinct, on the north by Albion and Browns Precincts, and on the south by White County. The north part of Grayville is in its southeast corner.

Grayville sits along the side of the Wabash River. The river was attractive to the early settlers, since much of the traveling and shipping was done by boat, and French Creek was one of the earlier precincts settled. Edwards County's first land entry was here, in Sec. 34, T2S, R14W, on 26 October 1814, by John Grayson. Other early settlers are mentioned in the combined *History of Edwards, Lawrence, and Wabash Counties*, published in 1883, by McDonough — pages 338-339. An early stage coach line ran through it.

French Creek gets its name from the stream, French Creek, which runs through it in a southerly direction. Other small streams are, Mud and Onion Creeks. It consists of 34 sections or fractions thereof, in Townships 2 and 3 South, in Ranges 10 and 11 East, and 14 West in Edwards County. The 2nd Principal Meridian passes through it. There are several fractional sections, some consisting of less than 100 acres each. It has been referred to as an abstractor's nightmare, and it's not a surveyor's dream, either.

This precinct has prairie land as well as timber. It is basically an agricultural community. It has many prominent, successful farmers, and since the late 1930's, when the "oil boom" hit the area, there has been considerable oil production, with its related supply and service industries. In the 1970's another surge



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of oil activity spurred the economy. Spartan Manufacturing Company, Kasha Industries, and Wabash Valley Service Company employ many people. There are grocery stores, numerous churches, and the Grayville Medical Clinic. Oak Grove Cemetery is on the west side of North State Road (old Route 130). The old Catholic Cemetery — a little farther west, is located on land in Section 18, T2S, R14W given to the Catholic Church by John Spencer and his wife Elizabeth (Kershaw) Spencer. It is mentioned in a deed made 25 April 1853, the day before his death. Their tombstones are gone, but they are buried in its cemetery.

Illinois State Highways 130 and 1 traverse the precinct, also two railroads. Passenger service has been discontinued. In the earlier days, passenger trains stopped at Siegart Station, (south of Fortney church), on the Illinois Central to pick up and discharge passengers. In the pioneer days, there were few good roads; in the winter they froze at night, thawed during the day, and left an almost bottomless pit, nearly impossible to travel. About 1850,

former Edwards County Sheriff — Alvin Routt Kenner, Charles Agniel, Simon Johnson, and others, formed a corporation to construct an all-weather road from Grayville to Albion, it was known as the "Plank Road". It was located near where the old Route 130 was north of Grayville. There is a new Route 130 north from Grayville, now. It joins the old Route 130 near the Virgil C. Fieber residence, and continues on through Albion.

On 30 August 1863, an "August frost" killed the garden crops and tender foliage. The summer of 1980 was dry with temperatures in the 100 degree range, much like the one in 1936. The winters of 1917-18 and 1977-78 were very cold with deep, deep snow. Cholera in 1832, 1848, and 1873 took its toll, as did the influenza epidemic in 1918. An earthquake, which registered 5.6 on the Richter scale, shook the area and frightened the residents, in November 1968, but did little major damage.

In 1907, land owners, among others, were: Baird, Baldwin, Bannon, Baun, Bender, Blackford, Broster, Bump, Butler, Clark, Coad, Coles, Cowling, Curtis, Donaldson, Doty,

Dunk, Elliott, Etheridge, Fearn, Fieber, Flower, Frost, Frick, Garner, Glover, Green, Gubbins, Hassell, Helm, Higginson, Hoover, Hortin, Howell, Jacobs, Johnson, Judge, Kellett, McWilliams, Mann, Marriott, Mason, Maxwell, Melrose, Mode, Mussett, Negley, Nicholson, Oxman, Potter, Proctor, Prunty, Ronalds, Roosevelt, Rotramel, Royce, Schroeder, Scott, Shilling, Siegert, Smith, Staley, Steele, Tait, Walker, West, Wheatcroft, Wick, Williams, Wood, Woodham, Voight, and Ziegler.

Salem Precinct

The first white men to settle in Edwards County, though briefly, were the three Daston brothers who came in 1800. Nothing is known of them except that they lived by hunting and fishing, and when later settlers came, their empty cabins were found standing in sections 10 and 15, Township 1 North, Range 14 West, northeast of the present site of West Salem.

The first permanent settler in the precinct was Ransom Higgins, who claimed the distinction of making the first wagon tracks west of the Wabash River. He settled on Bonpas Creek near Lancaster and settled just inside the county in Section 3 where a year or two later, he erected a water mill for grinding grain.

The first land owner in the vicinity was Isaac Greathouse who made his land entry 21 August 1821. This tract of land lies about two and one-half or three miles directly west of West Salem.

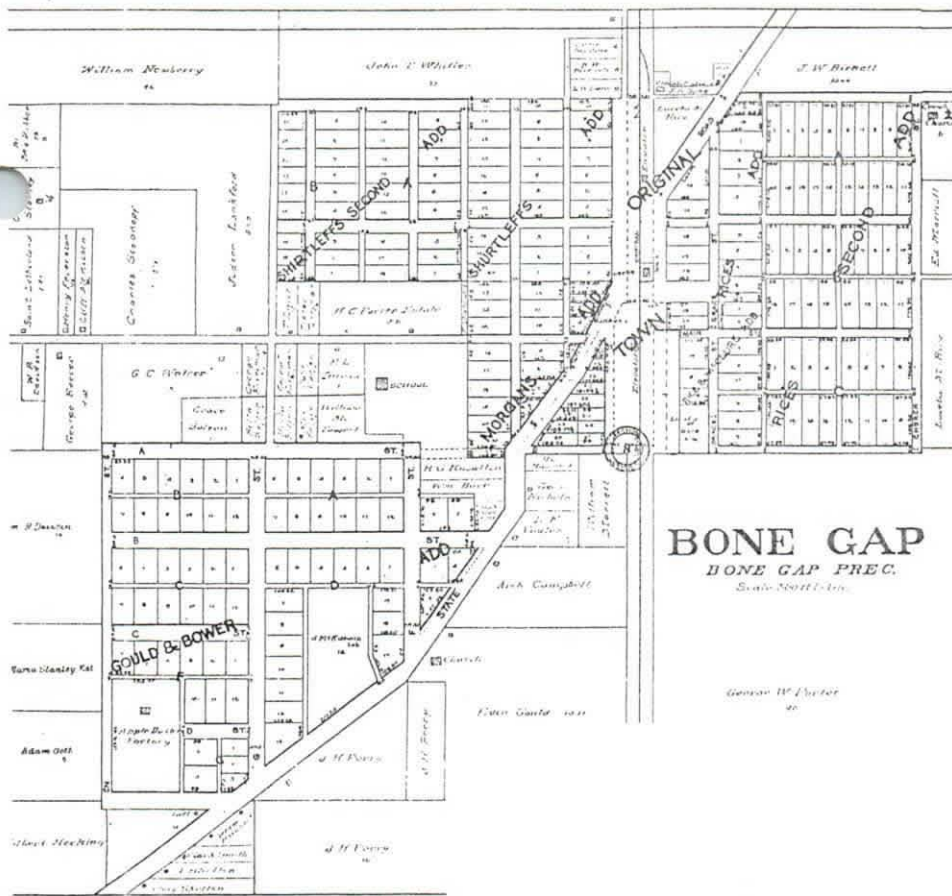
In 1821 there were two other important arrivals: George C. Walser and his brother-in-law, Lampton McKinney. George Walser selected the site for his home just north of Walser Creek, and McKinney built his home south of Walser Creek. The McKinney family did not remain permanently, but drifted back and forth between here and their Indiana home, which was near Hope, Indiana where there was a Moravian Church. It was probably with the influence of these two men, Walser and McKinney, that a Moravian settlement was established in the area. Also in 1821, Enoch Greathouse settled in Section 13 and Lot Sams, two miles south in section 25, where he founded Samsville.

The second land entry in the area was made 14 September 1822 by Henry J. Mills in the neighborhood known as Mills Prairie. Mills Prairie was the location of the first post office in the area. In 1830 Mr. Mills built the first brick house in the community. Also in 1822, William Lock settled in the precinct, while Thomas Mason established himself in the extreme northwest corner of the precinct.

During the decade from 1820 to 1830, several other families moved into the area, including Benjamin Ulm, Sarah Aldridge, and Joseph Robinson. In 1825, the first wagon maker, Joseph Carpenter, came to the settlement.

In the years 1829 and 1830 there were several families from the Moravian community of Salem, North Carolina, who came with all their possessions to make new homes for themselves in this wilderness. Among them were Adam Hedrick, George Hedrick, Philip Rothrock, Brittain and Thomas Walser, John Lopp, and Peter Hinkle. Peter Hinkle set up a blacksmith shop in his barn in 1831. It was in this barn that the organization of the Moravian Church, locally, occurred.

In 1838 several more families arrived from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, among them the Clodfelter families. Kellen Clodfelter put up the first saw mill in the community in 1840



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ALBION

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In 1815 at the close of the Napoleonic Wars, England was overwhelmed by economic, social and political unrest. A false economy and inflation (supported by the 20-year war with France) collapsed, creating high unemployment, drastic poor relief rolls and a ruinous system of taxation. Particularly hard hit were landowners who had to support the poor via taxation and yet were receiving disastrously low prices for agricultural products. Such a landowner was Richard Flower, born 1761, of Marden Hall, Hertfordshire, England. It was at this time that Richard and his wife, Elizabeth Fordham, began planning to leave "disturbed and tumultuous England" with their family. Richard, a prosperous brewer, was a well-educated man: a writer with a strong desire for independence, with liberal tendencies, a dislike of cities and a deep sympathy for the working class, particularly farmers.

Richard Flower commissioned his eldest son, George, then in his late twenties (born 1786), to investigate possibilities for emigration for the Flower family; first in France and then in the United States. During his trip through France, George traveled with Morris Birkbeck whose ideas of freedom and interest in agriculture were very compatible with the Flower's. France was not to their liking, not only was language a barrier, but the strong influence of the military and clergy was objectionable to their spirit of independence. In April 1816, George Flower left Liverpool for

New York, a crossing that took 50 days. Once in the United States, he made a long, circuitous trip on horseback from New York to Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Cincinnati; Lexington, Kentucky; and Nashville, Tennessee; culminating at Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello, in Virginia where he spent the winter months. During this trip he visited with many intellectual and influential men, evaluating settlements and studying America.

In the meanwhile, Morris Birkbeck was planning and organizing his departure in Wanborough, England; and in Hertfordshire, Richard Flower was selling the family businesses, and lands to acquire funds for an English settlement in America.

By spring, George was convinced that the best place for the English Settlement was not in the established East or the South with its odious institution of slavery, but in the West, on the prairies about which he had read. He was about to return to England when he learned that Mr. Birkbeck and his party had arrived in Richmond, Virginia where he hastened to join them. This party consisted of Mr. Birkbeck; his two daughters, aged 19 and 16; and two of his sons, aged 16 and 14; Miss Eliza Julia Andrews, 25; Elias Pym Fordham, a nephew of Elizabeth Fordham Flower, aged 29, and educated as an engineer; and two servants.

Because Morris Birkbeck, a widower, aged 54, a Quaker and successful farmer from Surrey, had previously met an American diplomat, Edward Coles, and through him had become interested in the Illinois prairies, they

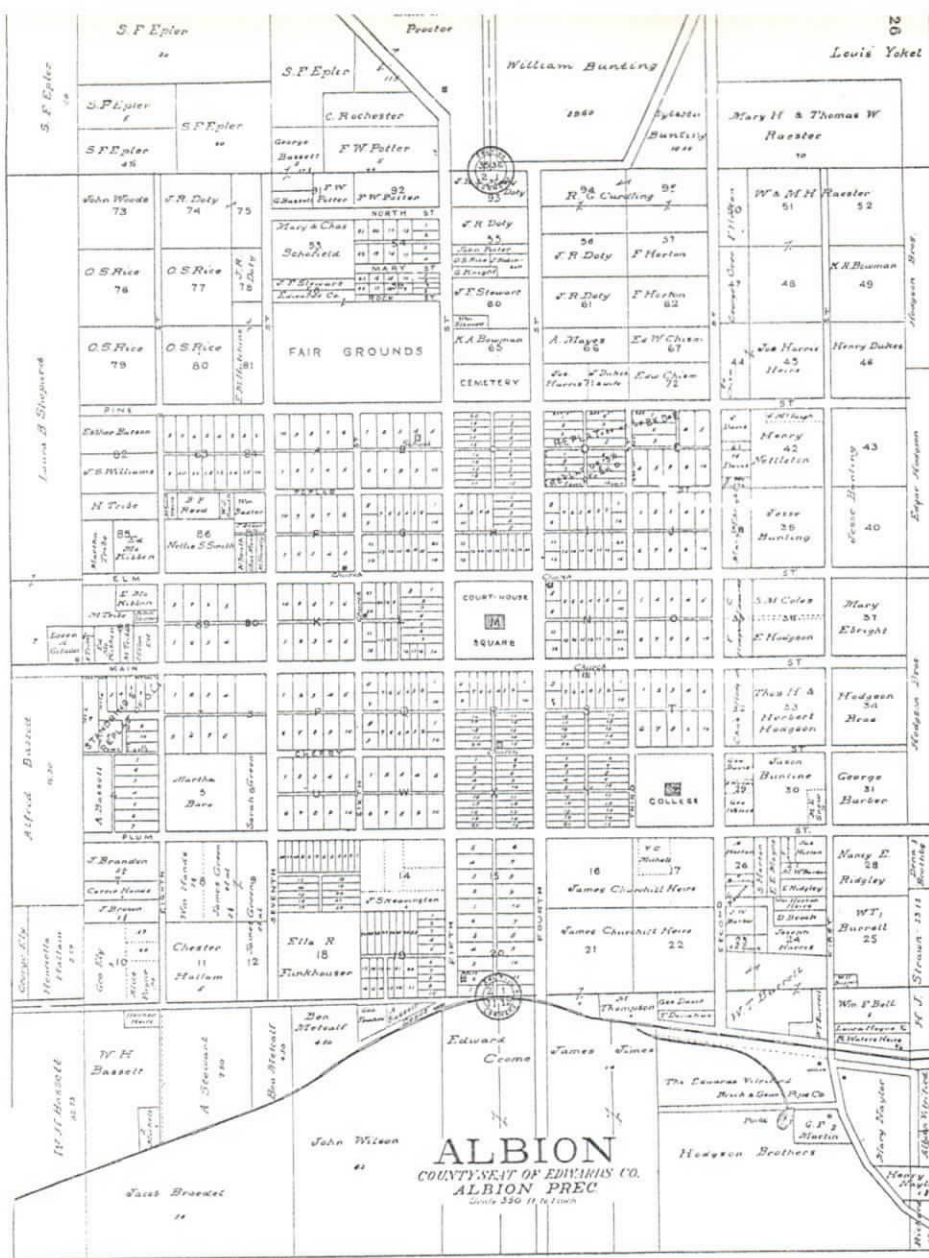
were agreed and decided to leave at once for the west. After an arduous stagecoach ride to Pittsburgh, they traveled overland on horseback through Pennsylvania, to Chillicothe and Cincinnati, Ohio and across Indiana, ending their travels at Vincennes on the Wabash where Eliza Julia Andrews and George Flower were married. Miss Andrews had also been proposed to by Mr. Birkbeck, and a rift for the future was created which would ultimately affect the settlement resulting in two towns, Wanborough and Albion, rather than one, as had been planned.

The party settled temporarily in Princeton, Indiana, while George Flower and Morris Birkbeck continued to hunt for the elusive prairies they sought. They traveled to Harmonie and Shawneetown, garnering information, then back up the Illinois side of the river until they came to a series of prairies. Some were named for frontiersmen who had built isolated cabins there, for example, Boultinghouse and Birks. Others in the area were called Long Prairie, Village Prairie, Little Prairie, and Bon Pas Prairie. It was Boultinghouse Prairie that was chosen. It is said that the prairies reminded them of familiar English park land, and it is true that to this day one can stand in the garden of Marden Hall, look across the beautiful park and imagine oneself in Edwards County. After the determination of where to settle had been made, George Flower returned to England to consult with his father, see to finances for the settlement, publish *Proposals for the Establishment of an English Colony*, by Morris Birkbeck, and help with planning transportation for interested settlers.

Remaining on the prairie, Birkbeck entered the necessary land grants of almost 10,000 acres at \$2 per acre at the Shawneetown Land Office and laid out his property at Wanborough. He began at once to build cabins for his family and temporary accommodations for those who would later join the settlement. At the same time, Elias Pym Fordham began construction for the Flower homes. Edwards County was at this time very sparsely settled, primarily by the so-called "backwoodsman"; those intrepid men who moved in right after the Indians left, but who preferred to be no part of an established settlement.

In 1816 there were known to be six families living on the prairies. They were, however, invaluable to the founders for providing game as they were excellent marksmen, and for building the first log cabins with the incredible skill of their axes. Vincennes, an older town, and Princeton, founded three years earlier, also provided hired labor. Other settlers bearing familiar names, Compton, Barney, Gard, and Hazelton, beginning as early as 1802, were scattered throughout other parts of present-day Edwards and Wabash Counties.

In March 1818, the first party of 88 emigrants embarked from Bristol, England. In this group were 44 farmers from Morris Birkbeck's Surrey area, and the rest, tradesmen and mechanics from London and other parts of England. They were led by capable bachelors, Charles Trimmer and James Lawrence. Traveling with this group was Hugh Ronalds of Creswick, near London, born June 27, 1792; a well educated young man of 26 who came from a prosperous, but large family, where because of England's policy of primogeniture, he had no hope of inheriting land or title which would go to his eldest brother. He exemplified yet another reason why young Englishmen came to America.



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A month later, April 1818, a second load of more than sixty emigrants departed Liverpool, England in a chartered ship. This group included the Richard Flower family; Maria Fordham, sister of Elias Pym Fordham; George Flower and his two sons; the John Wood family; and the Shepherd family of four whose family had served the Fordham-Flower family for three generations and who refused to be left behind. This group traveled overland to Pittsburgh and took a boat down the Ohio River. George Flower, with his brother, William, continued on to the English Prairie with the settlers while the rest of the Richard Flower family stopped at Lexington, Kentucky, the last "outpost of civilization," where they would remain for almost a year until their home, Park House, was completed on the prairie in July 1819. Unfortunately, William Flower (b. 1798) after helping with the first work at the settlement became ill, and returned to his parents in Lexington where he died, at age 20, during the winter of 1818/19.

When George, his wife, William and George's sons arrived back at Boultinghouse Prairie (thereafter often called English Prairie), a cabin had been built at the site which was later to become Prairie House, the home of the George Flower family. It was crude and dismal, but nonetheless their first home in the new country. It was at this time and place that discussions were held with other settlement leaders, and the split with Mr. Birkbeck became known. The coolness that had developed following George Flower's marriage had increased when the Flowers rejected a proposal to build a double house on the English Prairie for both the Birkbeck and Flower families. While George was still in England, Birkbeck had determined to ignore him completely upon his return. This he did, while continuing to build his settlement at Wanborough and having nothing further to do with Albion. Wanborough as a town, unfortunately, lost its heart with the death of Morris Birkbeck who drowned in 1825 while crossing the Fox River return-

In October 1818, James Lawrence, who had built a cabin on Village Prairie about three and one-half miles north, and Hugh Ronalds visited George Flower and Elias Pym Fordham on English Prairie to discuss location of the new town. A town was needed to serve as a center for services for the families now arriving and establishing farms across the prairies. It was decided that, at a certain hour the following day, Lawrence and Ronalds would walk from Village Prairie and Flower and Fordham from English Prairie and where they met, which was the center of a wooded area, would become the town square of Albion (the ancient Celtic name for England). Two of these men were among the town proprietors, organized on August 2, 1819 by: Richard Flower, George Flower, Dr. Charles Pugsley, Charles Trimmer, Benjamin Grut, Hugh Ronalds, and Samuel Thompson. Each shareholder contributed \$500 toward the development of the town and its surroundings. This money was used to cut roads north, south, east, and west; to build bridges; and ultimately, a Court House and jail.

It was at this time that E. Pym Fordham became invaluable. In late October 1818, Elias Pym Fordham began surveying the town of Albion laying out eight streets north and south and six streets east and west surrounding a public square. He also hired laborers and supervised the construction of log cabins in readiness for the settlers who were arriving in increasing numbers. A log tavern and a blacksmith shop were built immediately. Also during the winter of 1818/19, an elegant two-story house was built for the Richard Flower family on English Prairie.

Businesses began to be established. Early merchants included Joel Churchill, Gibson Harris, Alexander Stewart, Moses Smith, and John Woods. In August 1819, there were 60 English families numbering 400 persons in the settlement.

In July 1819, Richard and Elizabeth Flower moved into Park House, and at age 58, became very active in the settlement. Richard began establishing an Albion library and conducting a reformed Unitarian Church service. Mr. Birkbeck had been conducting a Church of England service at Wanborough since August 1818. In Richard Flower's own words, "The settlement must have a place for education, a Sunday School, and a Bible Society." All of Richard's contributions were not, however, educational and cultural, but exceedingly practical; he built, among other things, a brick inn in 1819, a mill, brick kilns, a market, and two stone homes. The wealth of Richard's English estates was being put to good use in the settlement, as well as, his not inconsiderable ability, experience and education. In 1820-1821, he wrote *Letters from Illinois* to counteract propaganda being written in England against the settlement.

Both Mr. Birkbeck and Richard Flower answered the misrepresentations made by English antagonists, and Eastern land speculators who tried to prevent emigration to Illinois by false stories of deprivation and hardship; a situation causing no little harm to the new settlement. Morris Birkbeck published *Letters from Illinois*, valuable in recruiting more settlers. In June 1820, Richard said in print, "Most of the persons who emigrate here are those who have diminished their former fortunes; persons who have received good educations, but are unable to sustain their stations

in England ... within a circle of a few miles there is more good company (I mean well-educated persons) than in the same circle in most parts of England." Families from throughout the prairie, both Albion and Wanborough, participated in social, cultural, and educational events for which Park House was the headquarters. Among these early families appreciated by Richard Flower were names still familiar in Albion, the William Hall family, John Tribe and the William Clark family, all of Surrey; George Woodham and William Harris, John Brissenden, William and John Wood of Leicestershire and Samuel Prichard of Bampsted, England. Alan Emmerson had built on Little Prairie in 1817.

Much original energy by both founding families was devoted in the beginning to surveying, building, fencing, laying out fields and lots rather than the usual hasty putting out a first crop to satisfy the immediate need for food in the new settlement. This established a good foundation and was made possible by the nearness of Father Rapp's Harmonie, Indiana where all necessities were abundantly available. Mr. Faux wrote in 1819 that "much in Albion has been done by the purse of Mr. Flower."

All together the contributions of "the old gentleman," as Richard Flower was called, were significant, including his contract with Father Rapp of Harmonie to sell the Rappite community in 1824/25, which he did to Robert Owen, Scottish mill owner. It should also be mentioned that after the election of Edward Coles as governor of Illinois in August 1822, the State of Illinois was in crisis over the slavery question. Richard Flower and his son, George; Morris Birkbeck and his son-in-law, Gilbert Pell; played an important and successful part in an 18-month political contest when an attempt was made to change the free state constitution into a constitution tolerating slavery. Many years later it was written "that the balance was turned to a free state was in no small measure due to these men from the English Settlement."

Mr. Birkbeck, because of his anti-slavery work, was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Edward Coles, but his appointment was not confirmed by a pro-slavery Senate, so he served only three months.

Thus, Albion, in a few short years, became a town and a thriving one with a population of 1,100 souls. But let John Woods speak through his *Two Years Residence in the Settlement on the English Prairie*. On July 16, 1821 he wrote, "Our country is settling pretty fast ... Albion is made the county town since which it is much improved, and many English and American families are now settled at it."

The town was incorporated in December, 1860. The officers consisted of a President and four trustees. On November 2, 1875 a petition was presented that the town should organize as a village. An election was held and the proposal passed. Albion was incorporated as a village. The officers consisted of a President and six members of the board.

The village continued to grow and in May, 1908 a petition was presented to call an election to organize Albion as a City. The petition was granted and a special election was called for June 8, 1908 to vote on this question. On June 9, 1908 the votes were canvassed with 92 yes votes and 88 no votes. An election was called to vote for City offices. Elected were the following: Charles Emmerson, Mayor; J.A. Anderson, George Walters, J.F. Michels, Thom-

as Stafford, E.E. McKibben, Kemp Bowman as aldermen; W.R. Strawn, Treasurer; J.M. Campbell, Attorney; J.R. Doty, City Clerk. They were sworn into office July 6, 1908.

On July 28, 1909 an ordinance was passed calling for the first brick paved streets in Albion.

A special election was held on September 15, 1925 for two issues. The first was for the purpose of providing for purchase and construction of a municipal water system and the second for approval for the City to operate the system. Votes were canvassed with 553 for and 318 against.

Bids were opened on January 25, 1926 with the cost set at \$98,980.00. Public Utility certificates were to be issued to pay for the cost. The water for the system was to come from the Bon Pas River. The dam site and the filter plant were to be built north of the river bridge in Browns with a transmission line to be built along Route 15, to Albion. The line was accepted from the contractor on January 12, 1928.

On December 6, 1926 a special assessment was levied on all property in the City for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer. The cost of it was to be \$94,616.36.

In the ensuing years as the city grew and in periods of drought conditions, water was in short supply. On July 13, 1962 an ordinance was passed to issue bonds for the construction of a new water system with water to come from wells. Several test wells were drilled and a site across the Bon Pas bridge east of Grayville was decided on. An 8" transmission line was built to the City of Albion with a water plant built in Albion.

On April 16, 1963 at the general election a proposition was submitted for issuing bonds for \$50,000.00 to pay construction costs for building a new city building to house the fire station, city garage, and other municipal uses. The proposition passed with the building being completed in 1964.

Albion was originally platted a mile square and had remained the same until May 5, 1975 when a petition was introduced to annex property north of State Route 15, east of the city, including the industrial park and another small area south of the highway into the city. This was approved by the Court and accepted by the City Council with a vote of 4 yes and 2 no. It was also decided to run a sewer to the newly annexed property. Water was already available. The Mayor at this time was Phillip Everett; Council members were Edgar Larch, Don Harper, Hubert Johnson, Ray McWilliams, Harry Veith, and Eugene Mann.

July 2, 1976 territory north and east of Albion was annexed to the City. This land included the Noah subdivision and Sunset Acres.

August 22, 1977 property located west of Albion, known as Wanboro Lake subdivision was annexed in with water and sewer lines run to this property. This annexation also took in the High School and Park property.

On June 5, 1979 property south of the Southern Railway west of 4th Street, where industrial development is underway, was annexed.

by Janet R. Walker and Terry L. Harper

Jonathan Shelby, in 1833, moved from where he had originally settled in Edwards County in 1815 just north of the Base Line, to a position on the Little Wabash River in the NW quarter of section 18, township 1 north, range 10 east. He was permitted to "build a water grist-mill, and a dam across the river not exceeding eight feet in height."

About five years later, Shelby sold the mill and land to Dr. Ezra Baker for \$1,250. Baker had grand visions for a city to spring up on the river-route, where it was intersected by the road that led from Albion to Salem on the old National Road. In 1836 the State of Illinois had launched an "Internal Improvements Program" which, among other projects, called for the development of the Little Wabash River for transportation and the building of the Southern Cross Railroad through Edwards County. This was one of the important factors encouraging Baker to speculate in establishing a new town.

On 14 September 1839 there was recorded a plat of the town of Bennington. It had been surveyed and platted by Sidney Spring, who had also platted its rival town, Marion, three miles to the northeast. The plat of the town featured a public square, blocks lettered from A to Z and fourteen out-lots. The river ran along four or five blocks on the western edge of town, at an average distance of about 500 feet. The space between was left vacant, and was marked on the plat, "Reserved by the Proprietor for mfg. and hydraulic purposes." The town included a sawmill to provide lumber for the homes, and the grist-mill for food. Large quantities of timber and good farmland surrounded the town. The road and Little Wabash River tied them to other markets and the county seat at Albion.

The first lot was sold in September, 1840 to Isaac Sherman. It was a choice lot, fronting on the area reserved for the manufacturing district. Another family to arrive early in this area was that of Marvin Powers Blood. He and a group of friends had moved from Bennington, Vermont in 1837 and settled in Lawrence County, Illinois. Shortly thereafter they came to northern Edwards County and settled at Bennington. The settlement was known as 'Blood' for some time. Dr. Baker erected a frame water mill there in 1842.

Not long after the first settlers arrived in Bennington, the "Internal Improvements Program" of the state was about to collapse. This would mean that the development of railroads and rivers by the state would soon stop. With the fate of the Little Wabash and Bennington so clearly in sight, Dr. Ezra Baker transferred his attention to his other town, on the already navigable Big Wabash River, in Wabash County. It had been platted for him in 1838 and was named Rochester.

Some people also blame the failure of the town of Bennington, and also of Marion, on the moving of the state capital from Vandalia to Springfield in 1838. The new towns in Edwards County were expected to do a thriving business with people passing through on their way to and from the capital at Vandalia. The move to Springfield put an end to this.

Thus, Bennington became a quiet, little mill-site for several years. Jones and Walser erected a fine two and one-half story mill in Bennington in 1865. It burned about five years

Ben Pope Ward and had one son, Dr. Emerson Ward, who was associated with the Mayo Clinic. He is now living in Port Ludlow, Washington. He has four children.

Dorothy married Harold Goetschius Watson in 1919. Harold worked in Springfield as an aide to his father-in-law. He then went into the hotel business, managing the Hotel Emerson in Mt. Vernon. They had two daughters, Widney Ann and Patricia Lou.

Widney married Dr. Wesley Peltzer and is living in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their son, Wesley, is an attorney in California and their daughter, Hollis, is a merchant in Milan, Italy.

Patricia married John Werner and had two sons, John and Harold. In 1957 she married Samuel Leslie Shaw, an insurance salesman. They had twins, Gregory and Leslie, who were born in 1960.

John Shaw died in 1984. Harold was married to Barbara Kasper in 1983 and they live in Rochester, New York. Greg was married to Lynda Knapp in 1985 and they have two children, Danielle and Matthew. They live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Leslie married Jeremy Doppelt in 1987. They have a daughter, Katherine Watson, who was born in 1988. They live in central New Jersey.

Note: Some information on the early Emersons was partially taken from an article in the Tri-State Packet of the Tri-State Genealogical Society that appeared in June 1981. The article was based on the work of Robert Turman and it is referenced here with the permission of the Editor. Many thanks.

by Leslie Shaw-Doppelt

ENGLEMAN, GEORGE T.

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Our story begins with mom (Helen Wood) who was born and raised in Albion. As far back as I can remember, mom, dad and I visited Albion and other parts of Edwards County; as well as Grayville in White County practically every summer. Sticking in my mind were visits with Charles and Ida (Wick) Wood and their family on their farm south of Albion on IL Route #130, the Herb and Gertrude (Waters) Tribe family on North 8th Street in Albion, Aunt Matt Tribe on West Main Street, and my Aunt Emily (Oxman) Flower and her husband, Fred, of Grayville. I remember drinking water at the town pump in the Pagoda, and having a vanilla ice cream cone at Doodle Crome's with plenty of chocolate sprinkles on it. Other memories of days in the 1920's and 30's are of the Saturday night movies, and the huge old trees that lined so many streets in Albion. I can still remember the old railroad depot and the excitement when a train came through. My mother told of how, when she was a child in Albion, the young folks would go down to the station to watch the trains — a big thing in those days!

In 1911 mom married my dad, George T. Engelman, who then lived in Edwardsville, Madison Co., IL. At the time, mom, her father and mother, Henry and Eleanor (Oxman) Wood, and sisters, Elma and Clara, were all living in East St. Louis, where granddad did painting and carpentry work.

Armistice Day 1919 saw my entry into this world at the folks' home in Granite City, St.

American Steel foundries in 1912, and soon was transferred to Sharon, PA and then Alliance, OH, and finally to Hammond, IN where he worked until his 1944 retirement as the plant's purchasing agent. Upon his retirement, which was due to poor health, he and Mom came to Albion and bought the property of Rev. P.M. Durham and his wife, Fannie, at 375 North 4th Street. They shared many happy days there, raising chickens and garden produce, and visiting with relatives and friends in the area.

It was Christmas Day 1945 when I returned to my wife Irene Avery, who had been teaching at Riverside School, Hammond, IN. I was coming back from over two years of military service in the Central and Southwest Pacific, having been drafted in February, 1942 and released from active duty as a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps. Active Army Reserve Corps duty was followed by my being called to active duty during the Korean War, and continuing active Reserve service until being placed on retirement as a major after 22 years of Army obligation. We both are thankful for my being sent to Camp Crowder, MO, a few miles from Webb City. While there, I met my wife-to-be at the first dance to be held by patriotic folks of Webb City in the latter part of February 1942. After that memorable evening, we were married a year and a half later — in Irene's Methodist Church of Webb City.

A summary of our married life after WWI would include: an extended visit with Mother and Father Engelman in Albion in early 1946; the death of my dad on 7 Aug 1946; a brief stint at Indiana University that fall to obtain my teaching credentials; the birth of our son Ted (born 3 Jan 1947 in Bloomington, IN); a semester of teaching English at Emerson High School in Gary, IN in 1947; being invited to teach English and speech at Edwards County High School in the fall of 1947, resulting in two years of happy memories at 210 East Pine Street between the Bill Schock and Charles Mayes families; the birth of our daughter Martha Lou (Smith) 5 Mar 1949 in Welborn Hospital, Evansville, IN; an invitation to teach at Bloomington, IN High School brought an interruption by orders to active duty for the Korean War; a return to Bloomington, IN and five years as a public relations director for the RCA Television plant; a return to the education field with a move in 1957 to NY State and six years as director of public relations and professor of English and speech at the State University College at Oneonta; a request from an old Indiana University friend to join him in founding a new community college in the upstate city of Johnstown, NY as the public relations director and teacher of English and speech; and, finally, retirement from the State University system in 1972.

Mother, Helen (Wood) Engelman, during her family's progress, remarried on 19 Dec 1951 to Frank A. Briggs, a retired farmer of the Enterprise neighborhood of Edwards County. When Mr. Briggs passed away on 19 Oct 1953, mom came to NY State to live with us. At the age of almost 95 years, Mother quietly passed away on 16 June 1984 at the Extended Care facility of Littauer Hospital, Gloversville, NY. Although physically impaired, she maintained a bright and alert outlook to the last. She was buried in Ferndale Cemetery, Johnstown, NY according to her wishes. My father's headstone in Graceland Cemetery, Albion, IL also bears her name and date of death. (See article on

my wife and I have just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary (5 Sep 1943), and are thoroughly enjoying our retirement from regular employment; she as director of volunteer services and coordinator of activities in hospitals of Oneonta, Amsterdam and Johnstown, NY, as well as a teacher in Missouri, Indiana and New York, and for me from my U.S. Army assignments and various positions in the education field. We try to visit Irene's Missouri and my Illinois relatives once a year, though that isn't always possible.

Our home holds many cherished family heirlooms, including a walnut chest of drawers said to have been brought to the Albion area from Gosberton, Lincolnshire, England by my great-grandfather John Oxman in 1840. We also have four Victorian chairs that were among wedding presents to my great-grandparents, John and Eleanor (Woodham) Oxman. My cousin, Mrs. Eleanor (Finch) Ludwig, of Sun City, AZ has another piece of that set — a love seat; another cousin, Mrs. John (Eleanor Walters) Wallis of Evansville, IN also has a straight chair of the set, and a relative in White Co., IL has a final piece. Mrs. Ludwig is the daughter of Mose (died June 1937) and Constance (Oxman) Finch (died January 1951), formerly of Poseyville, IN.

So, from the combining of Irene Avery of Webb City, MO and George T. Engelman, Jr. of Hammond, IN, there are son Ted and daughter Martha. Ted lives in Denver, CO where he is in the field of education. In Martha's Johnstown, NY household, there are husband H. Wright Smith III, who is in the marketing section of the telephone company, Contel; Mark Avery (13), Wright Ian (8) and Ashley Martha (4). Martha is very busy with her family and also teaching elementary school children.

A total of 170 years have sped by from the time that William Wood, his wife and son Joseph Albert (12), and 140 years since my great-grandfather John Oxman came to the place in America that would become known as Albion, Edwards County, State of Illinois. We can look now at young Mark, Ian and little Ashley and say, "Joseph Wood of Leicestershire, England, and John Oxman of Lincolnshire, England, what do you think of this fine group of great-great-great-grandchildren of yours? The Wood and Oxman blood courses in their veins, and promises to continue the fine characteristics of you brave ones who dared to face that long and painful ocean voyage and trip across almost half of North America to begin a new home on the virgin soil of a strange but promising land. We thank you for our inheritance from you!"

by George T. Engelman, Jr.

ESKRIDGE, VICTOR AND MARTHA

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Martha Jean Millar was born September 15, 1924 in White County, IL. After her mother's second marriage, Martha Jean moved to Washington, Indiana with the family. There, she graduated from high school.

Martha Jean went to Lockyear's Business College in Evansville, Indiana. After school she was employed by North Side Bank in Evansville. Later she worked as a secretary for Mr.

MACAULAY, DAVID A. AND ALICE PAINTER

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David A. Macaulay, son of David and Margaret "Maggie" (Job) Macaulay, was born in New York City on 9 Nov 1872. Maggie Job was a half-sister to John Henderson, Isabella Henderson Harris Bleakley, Alice Henderson Wilson, and Eliza Henderson Crome.

David came to Albion, Edwards Co., IL when 11 years old, with his mother, following the death of his father in the East. When his mother remarried, to William J. Pettigrew, he went into the home of his uncle and aunt, Thomas and Eliza (Henderson) Crome, north of Albion, where he grew to manhood. Thomas and Eliza Crome had no children of their own.

He attended the Michels School north of Albion, later completing a four year course and graduating from the Southern Collegiate Institute (S.C.I.) in Albion in the class of 1893. (See him in a picture of the S.C.I. Clover Leaf Club, elsewhere in this book.) Following his graduation, he taught in the Gill School west of Albion for two years, later entering the law office of Judge J.C. Fitch, then States Attorney.

In 1898, Mr. Macaulay became employed in the County Clerk's office; Frank Woodham, the clerk, being forced to give up his duties on account of illness. Mr. Macaulay, as deputy clerk, ran the office for three years.

He then entered the Missouri College of Law, and, completing the course, was graduated and admitted to the bar in Missouri. Returning to Albion in 1904, Mr. Macaulay was elected States Attorney, filling the office until 1908. He later served as deputy sheriff, and in other capacities in the Edwards County Court House. In 1929, he was elected County Judge to fill the unexpired term of Judge J.C. Fitch, resigned, and he was elected again in 1930.

For a number of years, Mr. Macaulay was identified as a director and officer of the First National and later the National Bank of Albion. He was also president of the Browns State Bank for a number of years.

In 1913 he was married to Alice "Lal" Painter, daughter of Washington and Margaret (Wilson) Painter. They were the parents of one son, Hubert Painter Macaulay. Alice was an accomplished pianist.

David A. Macaulay died 20 Oct 1931 in Olney, Richland Co., IL. He is buried in the Graceland Cemetery at Albion, IL. After the death of her husband, Alice and her son Hubert continued to live in their home at 43 South Fourth Street in Albion. The home is now owned by the Nale family, but is still known to many as the "Macaulay House". Alice Painter Macaulay died in 1951. She is also buried in the Graceland Cemetery.

Hubert Painter Macaulay, son of David A. and Alice (Painter) Macaulay, was born 11 Mar 1913 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The family moved back to Albion when he was a few months old. Hubert was never married.

Hubert served as a Warrant Officer in the South Pacific during World War II. He was the sole owner of the Painter & Frankland Hardware store in Albion from 1958, when he bought out the Frankland interests (descendants of George and Annie Wilson Frankland), until he sold the business and building to Richard and Kristine Bunting on 1 Jan 1978.

Sometime after the death of his mother, in 1951, Hubert moved into the Painter House at

ons were tailors and Anna and her brother Herbert had a tailor shop in the northwest side of Chicago. Herbert Maas was a sheet metal worker and worked for Triangle Packaging Machine and C.F. Pease, both of Chicago. From this union came five children, all born in Chicago:

1. Lloyd Martin "Derby" Maas born 15 February 1915 and passed away 16 December 1916.

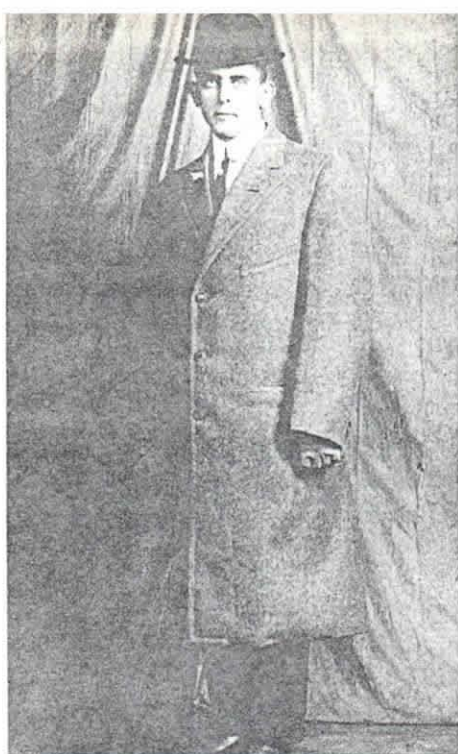
2. Christina Maria Maas born 20 May 1917 and married Charles Fredrick Wallace Gierke on 13 September 1941. Charles was born 20 July 1916 in Chicago, Illinois. From this union came three children. Christina passed away 23 March 1979 in Scottsdale, Arizona. 1. Eileen Ida Gierke born 30 April 1943 in Chicago, Illinois who married Robert Victor Rasmussen on 25 June 1965 in Park Ridge, Illinois. Robert was born 28 April 1943 and from this union came two children: 1. Raymond Vincent Rasmussen born 23 November 1967 in Evanston, Illinois. 2. Beth Ann Rasmussen born 2 June 1971; 2. Charles Fredrick Gierke born 13 October 1947 in Chicago, Illinois. He married Vicki Lynn Hudjera on 30 August 1985 in Scottsdale, Arizona and they were divorced on 18 February 1987. No children came from this union; 3. Anna Marie Gierke born 12 December 1949 in Chicago, Illinois and married Curtis Robert Sullivan on 12 Dec 1967 in Chicago, Illinois. Curtis was born on 19 July 1947 and from this union came one child: Thomas Robert Sullivan, born 6 Jan 1968. Ann and Curtis were divorced in 1970 and Anna married Glenn Arnold Partridge on 21 Feb 1970. Glen was born 1 October 1946 in Kewanee, Illinois and from this union came four children: 1. Eileen Louise Partridge born 26 February 1971 in Warner Robins, Georgia. 2. Jason Jacob Partridge born 28 March 1972 in Warner Robins, Georgia. 3. Julianna Partridge born 21 September 1973 in Scottsdale, Arizona. 4. Ammiel Lee Alan Partridge born 24 December 1975 in Phoenix, Arizona.

3. Charlotte Laura Maas born 16 December 1919 in Chicago, Illinois and who married Joseph James Trefny on 11 October 1940 in Glen Elyn, Illinois. Joseph was born 23 July 1915 in Portland, Oregon. From this union came three children: (See Charlotte Laura Maas Trefny).

4. Herbert Clifford Maas was born 6 July 1921 in Chicago, Illinois. He married Teresa Jewel Nabors on 20 November 1951 and they divorced 15 May 1967. They had no children. Herbert married Rita Johanna Konefes Scheffner on 5 September 1969. Rita was born 28 November 1921 in Chicago, Illinois.

5. Virginia Mae "Ginnie" Maas was born 4 April 1932 in Chicago, Illinois and married Don Davis Roberts on 14 February 1953 in Chicago. Don was born 11 Feb 1932 in Des Moines, Iowa. From this union came two children: Don and Virginia divorced in 1967. 1. Kristi Lynn Roberts born 28 September 1954 in Norway, Michigan. Kristi married Michael David Ryan on 6 May 1978 in Kansas and they divorced on 10 June 1981. They had no children. Kristi married Todd Gatz Jefferies on 27 March 1987 in Wheaton, Illinois. Todd was born 10 Jan 1953 in Chicago, Illinois. From this union came: 1. Benjamin Jacob Jefferies born 28 October 1987 in Elk Grove, Illinois. 2. baby due in August 1991; 2. Roy Davis Roberts born 24 June 1957 in Champaign, Illinois.

by Sandra Lee (Trefny) Michaels



Herbert Walter Maas (27 Oct 1889-13 Feb 1973).



Anna Hilda Elizabeth (Johnson) Maas (3 Sep 1892-24 Mar 1950).

Chicago area to find work and married Edith Emma Charlotte Johnson. Glen talked Herbert into moving to the Chicago area also and Herbert married Edith's younger sister, Anna Hilda Elizabeth Johnson, on 30 August 1913. Anna and Edith's parents were Johan August Johnson, born 4 November 1856, and Christina Charlotte Carlson, born 28 July 1857, in Kalmar, Sweden. They emigrated from Sweden, in 1885, with four children. Anna was

on a farm south of Browns, which was rented from Allen's grandfather Francis T. Wiseman. Being young and prolific and human nature being what it is, children began arriving at their home. Ten years and four children later an expansion of living quarters seemed desirable, so they purchased from his father the farm where Allen was born, and moved there in 1958.

It seemed a bit like heaven as it had effective central heat and an indoor bathroom, neither of which were found in their first home.

In 1959, Allen was elected to the first of 3 terms as a member of the Edwards County Community Unit School Board and served as president of that board for the last three of those nine years. Although there were a few unpleasant moments, by and large it was a pleasant and most certainly an educational experience. It was a time when many new friends were made and long-lasting relationships established.

By 1968, Harry, Ivan, and Allen decided it was time to dissolve their farming partnership, so the ground, machinery, and assets were split and Allen and Ruth were farming by themselves. This also proved to be a good step forward.

Allen and Ruth are parents of four children: Beverly Jane born in 1948, Glenna Mae in 1951, Connie Louise in 1954 and Marvin Lee in 1957.

Beverly graduated from Edwards County High School in 1966 and from the University of Illinois in 1970 with a BS in Education with math as a major. She married David Simms of Albion, presently resides near Golconda, Illinois and teaches Math in the Hardin Co. School system. They have 1 daughter Amanda Marie.

Glenna Mae graduated from Edwards County High School in 1969 and from the University of Illinois in 1973 with a BS in elementary education. She taught for a few years in Edwards County, married Mike Simms and lives on a farm southwest of Albion. They have two children: Gina Kate and John Ethan.

Connie graduated from Edwards County High School in 1972 and the University of Evansville in 1976 with a BS in Business Administration. She married Kent Ingram and they live near Bridgeport, Illinois where she is a secretary for Marathon Oil Company. They have one daughter, Adrienne Brooke.

Marvin graduated from Edwards County High School in 1975 and from Wabash Valley College in 1977 with an associate degree in agriculture production. He joined Allen in a farming partnership and purchased the family farm south of Browns. He married Lori Elliott of Grayville. They have three children: Meghan Leigh, Katie Anne, and Nicholas Lee.

Following the death of Ruth's mother in 1975, Ruth partially inherited and partially bought the farm which had been her parents' home since 1942. She had lived there until 1948 when she married Allen. So when it was decided to sell the home farm to Marvin, she and Allen crossed the Bonpas again and established a new residence, anticipating spending their retirement years there.

The 42 years which have passed since Allen and Ruth were married have been busy years since, in addition to raising a family and making a living, they have been active in community and church affairs, having held many positions in the Fortney U.M. Church, in

ference of the United Methodist Church.

by Ruth Wiseman

WOOD, HENRY

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Henry Wood, 1843-1925.

Farmer, cabinet maker, painter, soldier, husband and father — all of these spell the lifetime of Henry (Harry) Wood from 1843 to 1925. A native of Edwards County, he pursued the tasks of civilian life, and also was a volunteer in Company H, 136th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers during May-June 1864. His honorable discharge as Sgt. Henry Wood was signed by Abraham Lincoln, and Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, on 15 Dec 1864. It was termed the "Official Thanks of the President and the Country to the 100-day Volunteers from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin". We're very proud to have that discharge and also his sewing kit that he carried with him on active duty.

He joined the Illinois regiment for duty on 14 May 1864 in Albion, and was sworn in at Centralia, IL for a term of 100-days' service. His enlistment papers, copies of which I secured from the National Archives, said he had grey eyes, black hair and was five feet nine inches tall. He was 20 years old at the time. His honorable discharge was issued 22 Oct 1864 at Springfield, IL with the expiration of his term of service. In later years he wore a full beard and had to use a walking cane. I remember that I thought it great fun to use his cane.

Grand Dad, known to many as Harry or Uncle Harry, was born 10 June 1843 in Edwards Co., the fifth of 11 children born to Joseph Albert Wood and Elizabeth Hill Shepherd. In that large family, there were: Thomas, William, Ann, Rebecca, Henry, John, Martha, Joseph A., Jr., Laura, Rosamond and Frances E. These children were offsprings of good stock that came from England. Joseph came to Edwards Co. in the spring of 1819 with his father William and his mother Mary Goodacre. The latter were married in Wymeswold, Leics.,

wymeswold on 27 Feb 1799 and Joseph, my great-grandfather, on 3 Nov 1807.

Mary did not live to see her new home — she died as the travelers approached the southern tip of what had become the State of Illinois in 1818. She was buried near the confluence of the Wabash and Ohio Rivers, not far from Shawneetown. Upon reaching Albion, Joseph and his father joined brother John, who had come from England the year before and entered land about 4 miles south of Albion along the Meridian Road. It was on this farm that son Henry, my Grandfather, was born and raised.

About two years after arriving in Edwards Co., my Great-great-grandfather, William, remarried — this time to a Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, the eldest of the two Thomas Shepherd's sister. She had been a housekeeper for Richard Flower, the father of George Flower. William died in 1841 at the age of 68 and is buried in the Old Albion Cemetery. Later, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter Wood married an Edmund Johnson.

It was 16 June 1867 when Henry married Eleanor Oxman, daughter of John Humphry Oxman, Sr. and Mary Huston Woodham. John's parents, residents of Gosberton, Lincolnshire, England, were John Oxman and Rebecca Moltby.

Sometime in the late 1800s Henry built a home for his family on West Main St., later to become the Harry Perkins home, and finally, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Waite. The house was gutted by fire on Thanksgiving Day, 23 Nov 1972. Lumber for the house was cut on the Wood farm south of Albion.

To this union of Henry and Eleanor Wood were born three daughters: Clara 28 June 1879, Elma 6 Aug 1881 and Helen 10 Aug 1889. My mother was the youngest of the three. Clara was the fortunate one to attend Southern Collegiate Institute in Albion. By the way, my Aunt Elma was graduated from Albion High School 12 May 1899 in the 11th annual commencement exercises. She was one of four graduates. The other three were: Kathryn Bassett, Winifred Campbell and Anna Lord. Following these three Wood girls a moment, we find — Elma married Clarence W. Hays 24 Aug 1902, Helen, my mother, married George T. Engelman 21 Oct 1911, and Clara married Charles Smelzer 30 Sep 1915.

After the turn of the century, Henry, Eleanor and the girls moved to East St. Louis, where Henry was in business painting, decorating and paper hanging. His business card lists a W. Thomas as partner in this work. Henry and his wife Eleanor made their home in later years with daughter Clara Smelzer in E. St. Louis. In the meantime, my folks had made a home in Granite City and my father worked for American Steel Foundries. Around 1920, shortly after I had made an appearance in this world, my father was transferred to the ASF plant in Sharon, PA. In 1925, Grand Dad Wood passed away, and was taken to Albion to be buried in Graceland Cemetery. He was joined in Oct 1934 by Grandmother who had been making her home between both daughter Clara in E. St. Louis and Helen in Hammond, IN.

My mother told of how her Dad would always say, "I'm never hungry, but I can always eat!" She also related about the time she and her husband accompanied her father and mother on an overnight Mississippi Riverboat cruise. She was very surprised to see her father on deck so early the second morning, completely dressed, including his usual derby hat and black string tie. Because he normally had

trouble tying that piece of apparel, she asked him who had helped him do the tying. He answered, "Hell, I never took it off last night!"

by George T. Engelman, Jr.

WOOD, JOHN

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John Wood, son of Joseph and Catharine Julian Wood, was born 27 Nov 1754 in Frederick County, Maryland. He was a soldier in the American Revolution from Frederick County. He served first for about two months under Wagonmaster, John Peirce. On 1 Jan 1777 he was appointed Sergeant in Captain Philip Smith's Company, Colonel James Johnson's Battalion of the Maryland Militia. On 17 Apr 1781 he was commissioned Ensign in Captain Jacob Collins' Company of the same battalion.

John Wood was married twice. His first marriage was on 5 Dec 1781 in Frederick County, Maryland to Martha Ogle (1761-1820), daughter of Colonel Alexander Ogle of Frederick County. It is said, but not proven at this point, that Alexander Ogle was of royal descent through King John I and King Henry III of England. Alexander Ogle died in 1783 and devised to his daughter, Martha Wood, 200 acres of land in Berkeley County, (West) Virginia. John Wood and his family moved to this farm where they lived for ten years. They sold out and returned to Frederick County, Maryland for a short time. They then moved to Kentucky and in 1798 settled in Warren County, Kentucky where they lived until 1808, at which time they again sold out and moved to what is now Wabash County, Illinois. He constructed a fort, called Wood's Fort. After the death of his wife, Martha Ogle Wood, John Wood married Rachel Bratton on 27 Jan 1824. Rachel was the widow of James Bratton and a daughter of Enoch Greathouse. She was granted a widow's pension on 21 Apr 1853. John Wood died 14 Nov 1832 and was buried near his first wife, Martha Ogle Wood, in the old Wood Cemetery not far from Friendsville, Wabash County, Illinois. His grave marker reads "John Wood, Ensign, Maryland Militia." The children of John and Martha Ogle Wood are: Susanna (born 6 Jan 1783, married Joshua Buchanan), Elizabeth (born 23 Aug 1783, married William Bright), Joseph (born 5 Aug 1786, married Leah Greathouse), Mary (born 15 Jul 1788, married William Barney), Alexander (born 14 Aug 1790, married Priscilla Greathouse), Jeremiah (born 28 Aug 1792, married 12 Jan 1815 Jane Philpott or Phelpatt), Rebecca (born 27 Dec 1794, married John A. Greathouse), Eli (born 8 Dec 1797, married Mary E. Courter), Martha (born 6 Nov 1800, married Lewis Armstrong, son of John and Elizabeth Martin Armstrong), and John (born 20 Dec 1803, married Katherine Bratton).

See the Joshua Buchanan story for information on the family of Joshua and Susanna Wood Buchanan.

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WOOD, JOSEPH

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Joseph Wood was probably born in England. As a young gentleman and fortune-hunter, educated and refined, he readily won the hand of the daughter of the wealthiest man in all of Maryland; she being Francina, daughter of Augustine and Janetje Varlett Herman. (See Augustine Ephraim Herman story.) Francina Herman was baptized 12 Mar 1662 in the Dutch Church at New Amsterdam (now New York City). She was married after 1684 and before 1687 in Cecil County, Maryland to Joseph Wood. Joseph died in Cecil County. Among their children were: Robert (born ca. 1687), and Jenneken (baptized in 1693 in the Dutch Church in New York).

Robert Wood, son of Joseph and Francina Herman Wood, was born about 1687 on Bohemia Manor (see Augustine Ephraim Herman story). He and his wife, Catherine, were married about 1708 in Cecil County, Maryland. In his will, dated 13 Jul 1721, and probated 18 Aug 1721 in Elkton, Maryland, Robert devised to his children land which had once been part of Bohemia Manor. Among the children of Robert and Catherine Woods were: Joseph (born ca. 1710), Nicholas, Robert, John, Sarah, and Margaret.

Joseph Wood (born ca. 1710), son of Robert and Catherine Wood, was married twice. His first marriage was to Sarah Hodgson (13 Feb 1708-11 Jul 1747), daughter of John Hodgson, on 17 Jan 1735. Among their children were: Robert (married Catharine Dorsey), Sarah (married Nathaniel Wickham), Joseph (17 Sep 1743-1788, served in the American Revolution), and Mary (married Moses Hedges). Joseph Wood's second marriage was on 11 Sep 1747 in Cecil County, Maryland to Catharine Julian, daughter of Stephen Julian and his wife, Catharine Biggs Julian. Among the children of Joseph and Catharine Wood were: Catharine (married Thomas Reynolds), Abraham, John (born 27 Nov 1754, married Martha Ogle), Rachel (married a Berhart), Ruth (married a Bentley), Rebecca (married a Bentley), and Elizabeth (married Thomas Wilson). Joseph and Catharine Wood moved from Cecil County to Frederick County, Maryland in 1753, where he became Judge of the Court of Appeals. During the Revolutionary War he took an active part in the affairs of government, and at one time loaned the Continental Congress \$8,000 in silver.

A deed, dated 15 Dec 1753, at Elkton (Land Record 1, page 101) given by Joseph Wood and Catharine, his wife, covering a tract of land called "Francina", being a part of a larger tract called "Three Bohemian Sisters", formerly willed by Augustine Herman to his daughter, Francina, the grandmother of the grantor. This deed proves, without a doubt, that this Joseph Wood was not the immigrant, but the grandson of the immigrant, Joseph Wood. (See Scharf's History of Western Maryland, Vol. 1, page 616). Joseph Wood's will was dated 14 April 1782 in Frederick County, Maryland. He is buried at Rock Hill Church one mile south of Woodsboro, Frederick County, Maryland.

See John Wood story for additional information on the family of John Wood and Martha Ogle Wood.

WOOD, PAUL WILLIAM

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Paul William Wood was born 14 Sep 1908 Lick Prairie, Wabash County, Illinois, oldest son of Rolla Nelson and Bertha M. (Griesmer) Wood. His great-great-grandfather, John Wood, a pioneer and early settler, came with his family to the Illinois Territory in 1809 from Warren County, Kentucky and settled near Friendsville, Wabash County. In 1810, John Wood and his neighbors constructed Fort Wood as protection against the Indians. It consisted of an enclosure eight to ten feet high, using halves of small hickory logs side by side. John Wood was born 29 Nov 1754, in Frederick County, Maryland, son of Joseph and Catherine (Julian) Wood. He served in the Maryland State Militia in the American Revolution and his father was a patriot. John Wood married Martha Ogle, daughter of Col. Alexander and Martha (Ogle) Ogle. The Ogle family has a royal lineage extending back to Alfred the Great and William the Conqueror. They had ten children. Following the death of Martha (Ogle) Wood in 1820, John Wood married Rachel (Greathouse) Bratton 7 Feb 1824 in Edwards County, widow of James Bratton, soldier of the War of 1812 from Smith County, Tennessee.

Paul William Wood married LaVera Mae Rogers 9 June 1934 in Wabash County. LaVera was born 17 May 1914 in Richland County, daughter of Charles and Alta (Huchel) Rogers. Paul and LaVera resided in Lick Prairie, Wabash County where Paul and his brother, Noble, operated a threshing machine, doing custom threshing in Wabash and neighboring counties. For many years, he and his father's family owned and operated a sawmill one mile north of the Lick Prairie Cemetery. In 1938, they moved to a farm one mile south of West Salem in Edwards County and farmed the land as tenants along with threshing and sawmill work. The family resided there until March 1944, when they moved to a forty-acre farm two miles south of Samsville along Illinois State Highway 130. Paul farmed the land and began working as an oil pumper with the Cities Service Oil Company around 1947 from which he retired after about twenty-five years' service. In April 1954, they sold the farm and purchased another farm one-half mile east and resided there until Paul's retirement. In the summer of 1977, they purchased a home at 205 North Second Street in Albion where Paul died 30 Nov 1977. He is buried at Lick Prairie Cemetery, Wabash County.

Paul and LaVera (Rogers) Wood have five children.

Pauline Mae, born 10 Jan 1935, Wabash County, married Roy Lee Hixon 16 Aug 1953, son of Charles and Cora (Atkins) Hixon, residents of Richland County. Roy and Pauline have a daughter, Lynn, and a son, Bruce. They reside at Claremont, Richland County, Illinois.

Virginia Louise, born 18 Feb 1936, Wabash County, married Robert Neal Deischer 24 May 1954, son of William "Pete" and Virgie (Luthe) Deischer, residents of Edwards County. Virginia has always been called by her middle name, Louise. Robert and Louise have one adopted son, David Joel Deischer. They reside west of West Salem near the Little Wabash River, Edwards County, Illinois.

Roger Dale, born 10 Jan 1939, Edwards County, married Charlotte Ann Clodfelter, 19 Jan 1958, daughter of Albert and Nellie

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ELLIOTT JAMES JR 312603	FD	S4NW	01	03S	10E	3	40.00	.	WARRANT		03-25-1853		105 132
HASSELL WILLIAM 315838	FD	N4SW	01	03S	10E	3	40.00	.	WARRANT		05-27-1853		105 150
JOHNSON EDMUND 317474	FD	S4NW	01	03S	10E	3	39.25	1.25	49.06		09-29-1851	EDWARDS	111 017
OXMAN JOHN 495950	FD	S4NE	01	03S	10E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		12-08-1847	EDWARDS	110 214
OXMAN JOHN 495951	FD	N4SW	01	03S	10E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		12-08-1847	EDWARDS	110 214
POTTER CHARLES 323034	FD	E4NE	01	03S	10E	3	39.75	1.25	49.69		09-29-1851	EDWARDS	111 016
POTTER CHARLES 479411	FD	N4NE	01	03S	10E	3	39.50	1.25	49.38		10-24-1842	EDWARDS	110 182
POTTER CHARLES 479412	FD	N4NW	01	03S	10E	3	39.50	1.25	49.37		10-24-1842	EDWARDS	110 182
PRICHARD SAMUEL 158013	FD	N4W	01	03S	10E	3	157.10	2.00	314.00		05-11-1819	EDWARDS	088 720
ROGERS JOHN 324278	FD	S4SW	01	03S	10E	3	40.00	.	WARRANT		03-21-1853		105 130
ROGERS JOHN 496200	FD	S4SE	01	03S	10E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		12-01-1847	EDWARDS	110 213
ROGERS JOHN 496201	FD	S4SW	01	03S	10E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		12-01-1847	EDWARDS	110 213
ROGERS JOHN 496202	FD	N4SE	01	03S	10E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		12-15-1844	EDWARDS	110 192
THOMPSON DAVID 158824	FD	E4E	01	03S	10E	3	319.00	2.00	638.00		05-25-1819	EDWARDS	088 733
THOMPSON DAVID 158825	FD	S4W	01	03S	10E	3	160.00	2.00	320.00		05-25-1819	EDWARDS	088 733
WOODHAM GEORGE 476634	FD	S4NE	01	03S	10E	3	39.75	1.25	49.69		04-07-1837	EDWARDS	110 100
WOODHAM GEORGE 476635	FD	E4SE	01	03S	10E	3	80.00	1.25	100.00		08-25-1837	EDWARDS	110 109

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SHEPHERD THOMAS 325147	FD	SWSE	18	03S	10E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		02-07-1852	EDWARDS	111 030
STANLEY STEPHEN 561687	SW	NESW	18	03S	10E	3	44.90	1.00	44.90		- -1		CM7 048
WILSON LOUISA ET AL 562330	SW	W2SW	18	03S	10E	3	89.80	1.00	89.80		09-15-1856		CM7 048
BIRKBECK MORRIS 154363	FD	SECT	06	03S	11E	3	440.80	2.00	881.60		07-06-1818	EDWARDS	087 394
JOHNSON EDMUND 317475	FD	SE	06	03S	11E	3	93.86	1.25	117.33		05-20-1836	EDWARDS	110 059
JOHNSON EDMUND 317476	FD	E2SW	06	03S	11E	3	23.48	1.25	58.67		06-20-1836	EDWARDS	110 059
LONG WILLIAM 319022	FD	N2NE	06	03S	11E	3	30.20	1.25	37.75		03-09-1837	EDWARDS	110 095
OXMAN JOHN 495952	FD	S2NEFR	06	03S	11E	3	30.20	1.25	37.75		12-08-1847	EDWARDS	110 214
STEVENSON JOHN W 326437	FD	NWNW	06	03S	11E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		02-09-1837	EDWARDS	110 090
TICKNER JOHN 327638	FD	NENW	06	03S	11E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		11-03-1836	EDWARDS	110 077
WOODHAM GEORGE 476632	FD	W2SW	06	03S	11E	3	80.00	1.25	100.00		04-07-1837	EDWARDS	110 100
WOODHAM GEORGE 476633	FD	SWNW	06	03S	11E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		04-07-1837	EDWARDS	110 100
COAD THOMAS 310184	FD	W2SW	07	03S	11E	3	80.00	1.25	100.00		02-27-1836	EDWARDS	110 043
COAD THOMAS 474133	FD	E2SW	07	03S	11E	3	80.00	1.25	100.00		11-09-1837	EDWARDS	110 113
ELLIOTT JAMES 312601	FD	NWNW	07	03S	11E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		02-03-1852	EDWARDS	111 030
ELLIOTT JAMES 474444	FD	E2NW	07	03S	11E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		03-30-1838	EDWARDS	110 125
HOWELL CALVIN MORGAN 474942	FD	E2NW	07	03S	11E	3	40.00	1.25	50.00		08-30-1838	EDWARDS	110 125

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gallows for the execution of Shadrach Perry, who had been accessory in the committing of a capital offence. Perry was subsequently pardoned by the governor.

June 7th, 1824, Henry I. Mills, sheriff, was allowed \$38.25 for grand jury rooms and candles found and provided for the Circuit Court in the years 1823-4.

At the above session Hiram Bell, County Treasurer, settled with the court for the year 1823, when it was found that he had a balance of \$36.86 in his hands due the county.

FIFTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Elias Jordan, James Hunt, Moses Bedell, 1824-1825.

At the first meeting of the court, the following action was taken relating to the county buildings:

"It appearing to the court that the building commenced for the court-house and gaol will be insufficient for the purpose intended, it is ordered that the same shall be raised two stories, with a cupola and pediment, and that a contract to that effect be made."

September 7th, 1824, John B. Johnson was allowed \$22.87 for services as coroner in viewing the body of Jones Hobson.

"Ordered, that the lots remaining unsold, donated to the county of Edwards by the proprietors for the erection of the public buildings, be offered for sale on the third Monday in October, 1824."

SIXTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

James Hunt, Joel Churchill, Alan Emmerson, 1825-1826.

The rate of taxation for 1825, was fixed as follows: One half per cent. on all town lots, carriages for the conveyance of persons, distilleries, stock in trade, horses three years old and upwards, neat cattle three years old and upwards, clocks, watches, sheep six months old and upwards, hogs one year old and upwards, leather, small wagons, road wagons, carts, household furniture, to wit: bedsteads, bed curtains and bed furniture, tables, bureaux, side-boards, silver-plate; libraries containing twenty-five books or more, whiskey beer, and rifle gins.

Henry I. Mills was ordered to take the census for 1825.

At this session John Robinson was allowed \$1.60 for repairing the market-house for the convenience of holding the April term of circuit court, 1825. The county revenue for this year was \$832.924.

"Ordered, that Henry I. Mills be allowed the sum of \$113.62, for his services in the cases of Kennedy, Meredith and Bottinghouse for murder; and in the cases of Joseph Toville, John Hall, William Wood, Daniel Orange, George Flower, Eliza Andrews, Wm. Orange, Campbell, *et al.*, wherein, the people failed, and for other services rendered as per account presented."

SEVENTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

James Hunt, Alan Emmerson, Chas. Stennett, 1826-1828.

At the September term, 1826, the court ordered that

the Circuit Court be next held in the building erected for a court-house, in the town of Albion.

The 4th of December following, the coroner, Moses Thompson, was allowed \$14.98 for holding an inquest on the body of Richard Flower. The deceased came to his death by the crushing of his skull, caused by the throwing of a bone from the hand of one James Kennedy.

EIGHTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

James Hunt, James Hean, Chas. Stennett, 1828-1830.

At the December term, 1828, James Gordan, Sheriff of Edwards county, was allowed \$91.75, for services in the Circuit and County Commissioners' courts, and his commission in collecting the tax for 1828. On his settlement with the court for the revenue collected in the above year, he was found indebted to the county the sum of \$428.89.

James Hunt, a justice of the peace, reported a fine against John Crabtree for assault and battery. The fine was paid over to the court, but the clerk fails to state the amount of the fine in his record.

From the following it will be seen that the court-house was utilized for both school and church purposes. In the March term, 1829. "Ordered that Thomas Elton be permitted to keep a school in the court-room, he agreeing to glaze the windows, and when the roof shall be repaired to repair the plastering, and keep the same in repair during the time he occupies it."

"Ordered, that public worship be permitted to be held in the court-room on Sundays, and that Jesse B. Browne be authorized to take charge of the key and see that no damage is done."

In 1830, the county comprised eight road districts with the following named persons as supervisors: First district, George Woodham; second district, Robert Daugherty; third district, William Triscut; fourth district, George Walser; fifth district, Thomas Carney; sixth district, John Cowling; seventh district, John Elder; eighth district, Sidney Spring.

NINTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

James Hunt, Alan Emmerson, Charles Stennett in 1830-1832.

At the September term, 1830, Alexander Stewart was allowed \$1.75 for making hand-cuffs and one night's guarding the jail. From the records of this session it would seem from the amounts allowed for guarding the jail, that either the jail was in a very poor condition or an extra number of criminals were confined therein.

At the same session Jesse B. Browne was allowed \$3.25 for shoes and socks furnished Belle Tate, a runaway slave. James Jordan, Sheriff, was allowed \$3.81 for clothing furnished to the same party.

"Ordered, that Joel Churchill be permitted to vend goods, wares and merchandise in the town of Albion for one year by paying fifteen dollars into the county treasury." Gibson Harris, Hugh Ranalds, and Moses

THIRD BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Josiah Dawes, chairman; Francis Greathouse, Compton Woodham, 1880-1881.

On the third of March, 1881, Doctors John C. McClurkin and J. Cameron McClurkin entered into a contract with the court to furnish medical attendance to the paupers of Albion precinct for one year, commencing March 7, 1881, for the sum of seventy dollars. The same parties, on the same day, contracted to furnish medical attendance to the paupers of Dixon precinct, one year for nine dollars. For the same time, etc., George W. Gaddy agreed to furnish said attendance for the sum of thirty-six dollars to the paupers of Shelby precinct. Elisha Jenner for same services, etc., contracted to wait on the paupers of Salem precinct, for the sum of forty dollars. The contract for French creek precinct was given to Dr. Loren Burdick for the sum of fifty dollars.

At a special term, held in March, 1881, a compromise was effected between the county and the Louisville, New Albany, and St. Louis railway, now Louisville, Evansville, and St. Louis railway, relating to back taxes of said road in the amount of \$1951.55. The court upon due consideration accepted the proposition of the railroad company, to-wit, that the company pay the State and school taxes due, upon conditions that the board make a rebate of the county and road taxes amounting to, including interest and printer's fees, the sum of \$596.03, with this proviso, that the said State school tax be paid within six months from the passage of this order.

FOURTH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Josiah Dawes, Compton Woodham, Charles Walser, 1881-1882.

The following order was passed by the board at the June sessions, 1882: "Ordered that the authorities of the village of Albion be permitted to use the room in the county jail, known as the debtor's room, for a calaboose, when not required for county use; provided, that the village of Albion pay all damages caused by prisoners who may be confined therein. All former orders of the county board on this subject are hereby rescinded and annulled."

The total value of all the taxable property in the county for 1882, was	\$1,434,521.00
Total receipts for the same year	19,393.20
Total county orders issued	14,962.57
Total jury emoluments	721.10
Amount in treasury after paying all indebtedness	4,550.66

The salaries of the county officers, from and after the first Monday in December, were fixed as follow: County Judge, \$500; County Clerk, \$1200; Sheriff, \$1200; County Treasurer, \$500; County Superintendent of schools to employ, not exceeding seventy-five days, in the discharge of his official duties.

FIFTH AND PRESENT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Compton Woodham, Charles Walser, Charles Clark, 1882.

The last action of the board now spread upon the records, made December 6, 1882, reads as follows: "Ordered by the board that from and after this date road supervisors shall receive for their services in attending to their official duties, required by law, the sum of \$1.50 for each day necessarily spent over and above the three days' labor, personally required of each; provided, that the entire expenditures of such supervisors, shall in no instance exceed the amount certified by the county clerk to each, unless such additional expenditure is made by consent of one or more of the county commissioners."

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

As shown on a preceding page of this chapter, the first courts were held at the private residence of certain citizens of Palmyra, and also that an order of the county court had been made for the letting and contracting for a court building, yet it all came to naught, perhaps on account of the agitation of the question for removing the capital of the county to some other point. Albion offered the greatest inducements for such a change, the proprietors of the town entering into a bond in the sum of \$50,000 to deed to the county twenty acres of land for county use, besides binding themselves in the above amount to furnish for the erection of public buildings, 70,000 bricks or perches of stone to the same amount; also 20,000 feet of plank; 20,000 feet of scantlings; 20,000 shingles; also to furnish \$500 worth of hand and team labor, and further, to fit up the market-house convenient for holding court until the public buildings should be completed. This, no doubt, was the great incentive which induced the commissioners to locate the county seat at Albion.

A contract was entered into July 9, 1823, between the court in behalf of the county, and John Robinson and William Wilson, contractors, to construct a court-house of certain material and dimensions for the sum of \$1800. The building was to be of brick material, 26x30 feet on the ground, one story high, and a gaol fitted up in the interior of the building. On the 24th of August, 1824, another contract was entered into between the court and contractors in substance as follows: That whereas it now appears to the commissioners that the building heretofore contemplated will be insufficient, it is hereby agreed between the commissioners and contractors that the plan be so altered as to raise the building two stories, the brick work to be at least twenty feet high, and the building fifty by thirty feet in size, having a cupola enclosed with venetian blinds, and a pediment in front. The main room on the first floor was to be divided by two partitions, making two rooms and a passage-way and stair-case leading to the second story. The two west and north rooms on the ground floor, were to contain fire-places. The second story was to contain a court-room thirty by forty feet, including walls, with a fire-place, seats, boxes, etc. The east part of the story was to be divided into a stair-case and a prison for debtors, also to be furnished with fire-

leader and James Roosevelt was steward. Since that time regular services have been kept up at an old log Union Church. There is a membership of about sixty-five. A beautiful site for a church is deeded, and a good frame church is to be built this year. A Sunday-school is kept up through the summer. Situated in a rich farming country with a new church, a prosperous future may be expected for this society.

A small class was organized at Curtisville in the N. W., corner of the county in 1879, which meets in a school-house.

Most of this county is embraced in the Albion circuit which was organized in 1851.

The pastors from that date have been as follows:

1851, A. Campbell; 1852, J. Shepherd; 1853, J. N. Haley; 1854, J. Glaze; 1855, J. Glaze; 1856-7, A. B. Morrison; 1858-9, H. Manifold; 1860-1, L. C. English; 1862, J. Glaze; 1863, D. Chipman; 1864, W. J. Grant; 1865-6, V. D. Liugenfelter; 1867-8, J. C. Green; 1869-70-71, J. B. Ravenscroft; 1872, T. A. Eaton; 1873, J. W. Lowe; 1874, S. Brooks; 1875-6-7, W. Tilroe; 1878-9, C. W. Sabine; 1880-1, J. B. Ravenscroft; 1882, L. C. English.

The following is a list of the official members:

C. Baxter, H. Breckner, J. Brown, E. Clark, J. Copeland, J. Curtis, J. B. Curtis, S. N. Dalby, J. Ellis, T. Gawthorp, J. Goodbourn, A. A. Gould, D. Gould, I. Gould, J. Harms, J. Hallam, T. Hodgson, J. S. Jack, D. Lambert, D. B. Leach, Geo. Leach, Geo. Machin, J. Marriott, T. Marriott, Geo. Michels, E. Michels, J. Michels, M. Michels, H. C. Porter, A. Rude, R. Rude, Z. Shurtleff, A. Shurtleff, W. Stanley, C. Woodham.

The number of members is about six hundred.

The value of church property is about ten thousand dollars.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

BY REV. B. HUTCHINS.

Services connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church were held very early in the history of this settlement in Edwards county at Albion and at Wanborough. George Flower, in his history of "The English Settlement," says "a native of the Island of Guernsey, Mr. Benjamin Grutt, read the Episcopal service in a room in Albion set apart for a public library. This religious worship commenced in Wanborough and Albion in the early part of the year 1819." He also says, "If I remember correctly, it was in the following year, 1820, that the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, an Episcopal missionary, preached several sermons in Albion and gathered the Episcopal members together and organized a church designated St. John's Church. Mr. Pickering was an active promoter, and gave efficient aid to this early Episcopal organization.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, in his organization of St. John's church, sixty years ago, was encouraged, it is believed, by William Pickering, Judge

Wattles, John Woods, Benjamin Grutt, Daniel Orange, James Carter, William Funks, David Hearsom and others.

Taken from "Two Years' Residence in English Prairie, Illinois, by John Woods, 1822.

"In 1820 it was agreed to have public worship at Wanborough, and Sunday, 25th of April, divine service was first held in a log cabin that was built for a school, room. Prayers from the services of the Church of England, with a few omissions, were read by one of the inhabitants, and a sermon by another. This meeting was well attended, and has been continued every Sunday in the forenoon at 11 o'clock; and those of the Church of England and Quakers both attend it.

At Albion there is a place of worship in part of the market-house, in which divine service is performed every Sunday in the forenoon. Prayers and a sermon are read by one of the inhabitants. I twice attended. The service was from the Church of England with some variations. I think they style themselves Unitarians."

It may have been within two years later that Mr. Baldwin came, say in 1821 or 1822, when he tarried six weeks in the house of Mr. John Woods, Sr., who had previously read the service of the Protestant Episcopal Church himself.

The Rev. Dr. James Craik, late Rector of Christ Church, Louisville, Kentucky, in his little book entitled "Historical Sketches of Christ Church, Louisville," says: "One devoted minister had visited Louisville two years before the commencement of this enterprise (namely the beginning of the church in 1823.) The Rev. A. G. Baldwin traveled as far as this point and possibly beyond. He preached in 1820 or thereabouts."

It may be proper just here for the writer to mention his own connection with the church services in Albion, and what induced him to come out here in the spring of 1838. He had read in some printed document or missionary report, that the Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, in his missionary tour had visited Albion and had organized St. John's church, that the church people of St. John's church had looked in vain for a missionary to come to them on account of the inability of the Board of Missions to provide either man or money; that they had tried to get a minister or rector themselves but for the like scarcity could not effect it, Mr. Pickering calling upon the Rev. Dr. Milner, Rector of St. George's church, New York, with a view to accomplish this desired result. The writer also read that in the lapse of time the Missionary Board became strengthened enough to do something for Albion, but the answer came that it was "too late, they had all gone over to infidelity."

It was in this situation of things that the writer resolved to come out himself, and so in March, 1838, the Rev. B. Hutchins and his wife came from Philadelphia by Louisville, Ky., and New Albany, Ind., to Albion, Illinois. This visit is substantiated by Mr. George Flower, for he says: "In 1838 the Rev. B. Hutchins visited Albion as a missionary prospecting in the inter-

having the honor of receiving the appointment of Secretary of State under the administration of Governor Coles in 1824. He was drowned in Fox river, near New Harmony, Indiana, in 1825. His remains were found and buried at the same place. It is but a short time since that a friend of the family received a letter from the Hon. E. B. Washburn, stating that he would be responsible for a donation of five hundred dollars toward erecting a suitable monument to Mr. Birkbeck's memory, providing his remains could be brought to the State of his adoption, and place of his noble efforts. It is to be hoped that the future historian may be able to record the epitaph inscribed upon the proposed monument. After Mr. Birkbeck's death his children scattered to the four corners of the earth, all of whom are dead, except Eliza, wife of Gilbert T. Pell, who, at last accounts, was residing in Australia.

Mr. Flower lived some years after Mr. Birkbeck, and aided, as well as his crippled means would permit, to build up the little colony, being one of the founders of the neat little city of Albion. He died at Grayville the 15th day of January, 1862. We insert the following closing words of tribute, paid to Mr. Flower by Dr. Barry, then librarian of the Chicago Historical Society, and which appeared in the *Chicago Tribune* of March 22, 1862: "On the morning of the 15th of January last, there lay, under the loving and sad watch of dear friends, at Grayville, the sinking form of the aged man, whose worth we have poorly attempted to set forth, and the partner of his long and chequered life. But a week before they had expressed the hope, often repeated, that, happily united in life, they might not be divided in their death. While the rays of the morning sun were gilding the room of the fond wife, she expired; and soon after the going down of the same day's sun, followed, to his last and welcome rest, the spirit of George Flower." Only three of Mr. Flower's family are living; Camillas resides a little south of Albion; Alfred lives in Paris, Edgar county, and a daughter resides at Grayville, Illinois.

Another pioneer of 1817, was Alan Emmerson, a native of Kentucky, who, in an early day, emigrated to the Territory of Indiana. He was then a single man, but subsequently, in 1810, he married Nancy Mounce, and in the summer of 1817, he moved with his family to Edwards county, and located in section 4, township 2 south, range 10 east. There were four pioneer children, Martha, Jesse, Sanford, and Indiana. The latter died soon after their coming, and is said to be the first death in the precinct. Mr. Emmerson entered a quarter section of land, erected a log cabin, and commenced the life of a pioneer. After many privations and hard struggles, he improved a good farm and enjoyed the fruits of his labors. Having the confidence of the people and extended acquaintance, he was elected, several times, to fill offices of trust by their suffrages. He was elected County Judge for a succession of terms, filled the office of County Treasurer and Assessor, and served

one term in the State Legislature. He and his wife both died in 1876, Centennial year. They were widely known, and their loss to the community was mourned by a large circle of friends. Only one of the pioneer children is now living, Jesse, who resides in Albion, and is one among three of the oldest pioneers in the county.

Rev. John Depew emigrated from the South in 1817, and located joining farms with Mr. Emmerson. He was the first Methodist preacher in this part of the country, and so fastidious with regard to his religious views, that upon one occasion, when invited to eat honey that was taken from a bee tree on Sunday, he utterly refused the sweet morsel, although very fond of it. He remained here but a few years, moving to Marion county in 1820.

One of the oldest settlers of this part of the state was James Chism, a native of Virginia, who came to Illinois Territory—now Wabash county—in 1813. He located at Bald Hill Prairie, near the center of the county. His family consisted of his wife Sarah, and three children, Ellen, Elisha and Permelia. The father and mother died more than half a century ago. Elisha is the only one of the family living. He resides in Albion, and is one of the oldest surviving pioneers, in either Edwards or Wabash counties.

William and John Woodland were from South Carolina, and came to the precinct in 1817, and located about four miles west of Albion. They both went off with the Mormons.

The heavy tide of immigration commenced in 1818. It was in this year that Mr. Flower sent from England the first ship load of immigrants, and this was but the precursor of what followed in the way of immigration until 1820, and perhaps later. Among those who came at that early date, and who have descendants yet residing in the county, are the following: Joel Churchill, John Woods, Sr., John Tribe, Brian Walker, William Nichols, Hugh Ronalds, John Brissenden, William Wood, William Fewkes, George Woodham, William Harris, John Skeavington, Elias Weaver, Henry Sydney, and John Spring, Henry Birkett, James O. Wattles, and several others. It would be impossible in this chapter to give space to all the numerous newcomers of the years 1818, 19, 20,

Mr. Churchill, above mentioned, was one of the immigrants of 1818. At his coming, he was a single man. He entered quite a large tract of land southeast of Albion, where he located and remained until 1823, when he moved to Albion. In 1824, he married Eliza Simpkins by which union eleven children were born, nine of whom are living. Mr. Churchill led a busy and active life. He died in the spring of 1872, in the city of Albion. Mrs. Churchill is yet living, and is active for one of her age. Charles and James Churchill are prominent business men in Albion. John Tribe came to the precinct in 1819, and located at Wanborough. He was then a single man, and a carpenter by trade. Some time after coming he married Jane Stanley. A large family were reared by them, eight of whom are now residents of the coun-

Another early settler was George Woodham, also a native of England. He came to this county in 1818, then a poor man, and first located at Wanborough, near the present town of Albion. In 1830 he moved to this precinct, and located in the west part, where he improved an excellent farm, and amassed a good competency for his old age. His wife's maiden name was Huston. He died several years ago. His widow yet survives him, and is living with one of her sons, Compton, at the old home. John Cowling came from England, a single man, the same year as the above. He subsequently married Mary Good, and located in the north of the precinct, where he resided until his death, which occurred about twenty years ago. A large family of children were born to them, several of whom are living. Charles resides in section 8, township 3, range 14 west, and Addison lives on the old place. Another settler in the county at the same date was James Green, Sr., also from England. At his coming he settled in Albion precinct, where he remained until his death, which occurred several years ago. He married here and reared a family. A son, James, Jr., resides in this precinct, section 19, township 2, range 11 east. One of the oldest citizens of the county is Thomas Shepherd, Jr., who came with his father, Thomas, Sr., in 1818. He was then but a few years old. The family located in the English settlement, near Albion. Thomas Jr., subsequently married Mrs. Millie Brown. In about 1870 they moved to Grayville (this precinct), where they yet reside.

Among others who came in 1818 were David Thompson, Caleb Dickinson and John Massey. The former was a native of Scotland, and on his arrival he located in section 21, township 2, range 14 west. He died here about thirty years ago. None of his descendants are in the county. Caleb Dickinson entered land in section 17, township 3 south, range 14 west, where he settled with his family. He died in 1820, and none of the descendants are left to give his history. It is only known to the early settlers that he came from the south. Massey came from England and located in section 9, township 3 south, range 14 west. His wife died here at an early day, and soon afterward he sold out and moved to Galena.

The following were settlers in 1819: Isaac Lutler came from England in the fall of the above year and settled in section 7, township 3 south, range 14 west. His family then consisted of his wife, Elizabeth, *nee* Owen, and two sons, Joseph and Caleb. His first house was a small log cabin with puncheon floor, and other belongings peculiar to the pioneer times. He entered a quarter section of land, but subsequently relinquished one half of it in accordance with a certain act of Congress. It was here that he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1842. His widow survived him but eight years. Joseph died the same year as his father. Caleb resides in section 17, township 3 south, range 14 west, and is the oldest surviving settler of this

precinct. He is a representative citizen, having served as justice of the peace for twenty-years, and overseer of the poor of his precinct for the same length of time. William Wood was also from England, and at his coming was a widower (Mrs. Wood died on the way) with two sons, John and Joseph. He located in Albion, and subsequently was twice married. All the family are now dead. Thomas Wood, who resides in the north of the precinct, is a son of Joseph, and grandson of William. John Mather came from England about the same time as the above, and located in section 31, township 2, range 14 west. He moved to New Harmony, Indiana, where he died. None of his descendants are in the precinct. John Hatfield located in the precinct in 1820. He was a native of England, but afterward moved to New Harmony, Ind. James Hean came from England and located in section 19, township 2 south, range 14 west. He was then a single man. He afterwards married and reared a family of two sons and two daughters. None of the family are now living in the county. Andrew Hunter was born in South Carolina, and at an early day moved to Kentucky, where he remained until his advent in this state, in the spring of 1827. The most of the distance was made by means of a flat-boat, and it required nearly two months to make the trip. His family consisted of his wife, Sarah, *nee* Carr, and six children, David P., James, Solomon, Lavina, Jefferson and Sarah. He located in section 20, township 2 south, range 14 west, where he resided until his death, which occurred in the spring of 1857. Mrs. H. died in 1847, ten years before her husband. Only one of the pioneer children is a citizen of the state, David P., who is a prominent farmer residing in section 29, township 2 south, range 14 west. Mrs. Eliza Cora, a younger member of the family, lives in Coffee precinct, Wabash county. All the others now living are in the state of Missouri. Edward D. Jacobs and Adam Wick are also old settlers of the precinct.

First Land Entries.—The following entries are all made.—Township No. 2 S., R. 14 W. of the 2d P. M.: Oct. 26, 1814, John Grayson entered the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 31. April 25, 1818, Joseph Wright entered the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section. June 10, 1818, Thomas Tanner entered the W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 21. September 17, 1818, Robert Leslie entered the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34. Sept. 28, 1818, John Martin entered the E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33. Sept. 30th, 1818, Clem. Martin entered the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 31. Dec. 8th, 1818, James Hean entered the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 19. February 9, 1819, John Mather entered the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 31. April 7th, 1819, David Thompson entered the E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 21. April 8, 1819, John Cowling entered the W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 20.

The following entries were made in township 3 S., R. 14 W. of 2d P. M.: May 18, 1815, Clem. Martin entered the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 9. Feb. 18th, 1817, Caleb Dickinson entered the E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17. May 11, 1818, Moses Thompson entered the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of

TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST—CONTINUED.

Smith, Isaac, Sr.	Albion	Sec. 13	Farmer	England	1820
Sarah Stone	"	Sec. 13	Wife of Isaac Smith, Sr.	England	1821
Smith, William	"	Sec. 25	Farmer	Surrey Co., Eng.	1824
Harriet Nash	"	Sec. 25	Wife of William Smith	Surrey Co., Eng.	1827
Tribe, George	"	Sec. 36	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1847
Ellen Cromie	"	Sec. 36	Wife of George Tribe	England	1851
Thread, J. F.	"	Sec. 14	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1821
Elizabeth West	"	Sec. 14	Wife of J. F. Thread	Edwards Co., Ill.	1827
Utley, Eliza J. (nee Webster)	"	Sec. 36	Farming	Gibson Co., Ind.	1813
Utley, M. W.	Dec'd May 17, 1872		Late Husband of Eliza J. Utley	Green Brier Co., Va.	1813

TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST.

Beloat, Cornelius	Browns	Browns	Proprietor of Tile Factory	Gibson Co., Ind.	1882
Elizabeth Horen	Dec'd July 31, 1881		Late wife of Cornelius Beloat	Gibson Co., Ind.	
Fewkes, Albert	Albion	Sec. 6	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1851
Mary A. Smith	Albion	Sec. 6	Wife of Albert Fewkes	Edwards Co., Ill.	1854
Hartley, Christopher	Albion	Sec. 6	Farmer	Yorkshire, Eng.	1843
Martha Field	Dec'd Aug. 13, 1862		First wife of Christopher Hartley	Edwards Co., Ill.	1826
Margaret Dempsey	Albion	Sec. 6	Present wife of C. Hartley	England	1858
Henderson, John	Browns	Sec. 4	Farmer	Co. Tyrone, Ireld.	1855
Emma Johnson	Browns	Sec. 4	Wife of John Henderson	Edwards Co., Ill.	1845
Harris, J. H.	Browns	Browns	Physician and Surgeon	Posy Co., Ind.	1872
Hunter, David P.	Grayville	Sec. 29	Farmer	Logan Co., Ky.	1827
Plavina Johns	Grayville	Sec. 29	Wife of David P. Hunter	Cornwall, Eng.	1822
Johnson, F. W.	Browns	Browns	Farmer and Brick Mason	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1820
Mary Ann Skeavington	Browns	Browns	Wife of F. W. Johnson	Edwards Co., Ill.	1820
Judge, Robert	Grayville	Sec. 30	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1827
Mary L. Markley	Grayville	Sec. 30	Wife of Robert Judge	Lancaster Co., Pa.	1820
Jacobs, Edward D.	Grayville	Sec. 31	Farmer	Kent Co., Eng.	1827
Francis Gillard	Dec'd July 10, 1844		Late wife of Edward D. Jacobs	England	1819
Jacobs, John D.	Grayville	Sec. 31	Son of E. D. & T. J.	Edwards Co., Ill.	1840
Sarah J. Walker	Grayville	Sec. 31	Wife of John D. Jacobs	Yorkshire, Eng.	1847
Marriott Kelsey	Browns	Browns	General Merchant and Post Master	Edwards Co., Ill.	1859
Mode, Jacob	Grayville	Sec. 29	Farmer & Pastor Evangelical Ass.	Havaria, Ger.	1871
Mary Kolb	Grayville	Sec. 29	Wife of Jacob Mode	Hamilton Co., O.	1871
Marriott, John	Browns	Sec. 9	Farmer	England	1840
Nancy Crackel	Browns	Sec. 9	Wife of John Marriott	England	1832
Marriott, Thomas	Browns	Sec. 16	Farmer	England	1840
Mary Crackel	"	Sec. 16	Wife of Thomas Marriott	Edwards Co., Ill.	1826
Marriott, Albert	"	Sec. 16	Son of Thomas and Mary Marriott	Edwards Co., Ill.	1864
Marriott, Arthur	"	Sec. 16	Son of Thomas and Mary Marriott	Edwards Co., Ill.	1866
Owens, Lott W.	"	Sec. 9	Farmer	Fleming Co., Ky.	1820
Rosamond Wood	"	Sec. 9	Wife of Lot W. Owens	Edwards Co., Ill.	1835
Sheavington, Joseph	Albion	Sec. 7	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1829
Eliza C. Walker	"	Sec. 7	Wife of Joseph Sheavington	Edwards Co., Ill.	1831
Schwartz, Charles A.	Browns	Browns	General Blacksmith	Wapella Co., Iowa	1880
Maria Atteberry	Grayville	Sec. 23	Wife of Charles A. Schwartz	White Co., Ill.	1880
Siebert, Ernst	Grayville	Sec. 23	Farmer	Saxony, Ger.	1856
Frances Kuykendall	"	Sec. 23	Wife of Ernst Siebert	"	1862
Smith, James A.	"	Sec. 23	Farmer	White Co., Ill.	1852
Margaret Williams	"	Sec. 23	Wife of James A. Smith	White Co., Ill.	1862
Schrader, Frederick A.	"	Sec. 27	Farmer	Saxony, Ger.	1855
Louisa Negley	"	Sec. 27	Wife of Frederick A. Schrader	Harrison Co., O.	1854
Tinney, Wm. Wesley	"	Sec. 23	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1834
Eliza A. Cole	"	Sec. 23	Wife of Wm. Wesley Tinney	Edwards Co., Ill.	1838
Westfall, Milton	Browns	Browns	Proprietor St. Charles Hotel	Gibson Co., Ind.	1881
Elizabeth Knowles	"	"	Wife of Milton Westfall	Gibson Co., Ind.	1881
Wood, Thomas	Albion	Sec. 19	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1824
Mary Fewkes	"	Sec. 19	Wife of Thomas Wood	Edwards Co., Ill.	1829
Wood, Joseph A.	"	Sec. 18	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1850
Julia M. Metcalf	"	Sec. 18	Wife of Joseph A. Wood	Edwards Co., Ill.	1850
Walker, John	"	Sec. 6	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1821
Pemelia Skeavington	"	Sec. 6	Wife of John Walker	Edwards Co., Ill.	1827
Wood, Henry	Grayville	Sec. 14	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1844
Eleanor Oxman	"	Sec. 18	Wife of Henry Wood	Edwards Co., Ill.	1840
Walker, George	"	Sec. 27	Farmer	England	1831
Margrey, Fortney	"	Sec. 27	Wife of George Walker	Edwards Co., Ill.	1837
Walker, Sarah (nee Freeman)	"	Sec. 27	Retired	England	1851
James Walker	Dec'd Nov. 18, 1831		Late husband of Sarah Walker	England	1831
Zachocke, Carl G.	Grayville	Sec. 33	Farmer	Saxony, Ger.	1853
Elizabeth Cowling	"	Sec. 33	Wife of Carl G. Zachocke	Edwards Co., Ill.	1833

TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST.

Green, James	Albion	Sec. 19	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1823
Elizabeth Curtis	"	Sec. 19	Wife of James Green	Edwards Co., Ill.	1826
Over, James H.	"	Sec. 6	Farmer	Surrey Co., Eng.	1830
Sarah E. Kelsey	"	Sec. 6	Wife of James H. Over	Warren Co., Ky.	1852
Oxman, Clifton	Grayville	Sec. 31	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1837
Katie O'Bryan	"	Sec. 31	Wife of Clifton Oxman	Wabash Co., Ind.	1862
Wick, Adam	"	Sec. 30	Farmer	Baden, Germany	1827
Sabina Wick (nee Cooper)	"	Sec. 30	Wife of Adam Wick	New York	1833

TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST.

Coad, Thomas	Grayville	Sec. 7	Farmer	Cornwall, Eng.	1821
Margaret Rotcammel	Dec'd July 7, 1872		Late wife of Thomas Coad	Logan Co., Ky.	1820
Johnson, (nee Kelen) Ellen	Grayville	Sec. 13	Retired Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1834
Johnson, Job T.	Dec'd Jan. 10, 1866		Late Husband of Ellen Johnson	Edwards Co., Ill.	1826
Johnson, George	Grayville	Sec. 6	Farmer	Sussex Co., Eng.	1850
Rhoda Ann Gumbrell	"	Sec. 6	Wife of George Johnson	Ohio	1846
Kellett, John A.	"	Sec. 7	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1841
Virginia McLaughlin	"	Sec. 7	Wife of John A. Kellett	Posy Co., Ind.	1869
Woodham, Compton	"	Sec. 6	Farmer	Wayne Co., Ill.	1837
Ann Potter	"	Sec. 6	Wife of Compton Woodham	Edwards Co., Ill.	1842

TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST.

Coles, William S.	Grayville	Sec. 5	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1827
Mary J. Cowling	"	Sec. 5	Wife of William S. Coles	Edwards Co., Ill.	1826
Cowling, Charles	"	Sec. 8	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1823
Mary A. Johnson	"	Sec. 8	Wife of Charles Cowling	Sussex Co., Eng.	1850
Coles, Joseph G.	"	Sec. 8	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1841
Julia Compton	"	Sec. 8	Wife of Joseph G. Coles	Wabash Co., Ill.	1861
Cole, Henry S.	Grayville		Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1830
Rebecca A. Hoskins	"		Wife of Henry S. Cole	White Co., Ill.	1853
Etheridge, John	"	Sec. 15	Farmer	England	1831
Nancy C. Preece	Dec'd May 25, 1873		Late wife of John Etheridge	Posy Co., Ind.	1867
Thrash, Thomas J.	Grayville	Sec. 17	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1829
Mary Lindy	"	Sec. 17	Wife of Thomas J. Thrash	Wabash Co., Ill.	1865

TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST.

Brown, James	Samsville	Sec. 23	Farmer	Delaware Co., Pa.	1847
Bennett, William	"	Sec. 29	Farmer	Wabash Co., Ill.	1863
Elizabeth Bernhart	Died Dec. 27, 1881		First wife of William Bennett	Edwards Co., Ill.	1857
Margaret Bernhart	Samsville	Sec. 29	Present wife of William Bennett	Edwards Co., Ill.	1862
Bernhart, George	"	Sec. 29	Farmer	Wabash Co., Ill.	1872
Annie M. Lanibert	"	Sec. 29	Wife of George Bernhart	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1854
Byford, Henry C.	Maple Grove	Sec. 6	Farmer and Carpenter	Burberd Co., Tenn.	1841
Nancy J. Greathouse	"	Sec. 6	Wife of Henry C. Byford	Franklin Co., Ill.	1823
Blood, J. H.	Rafersburg	Sec. 8	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1850
Pemelia A. Holtzhausen	"	Sec. 8	Wife of J. H. Blood	Wayne Co., Ill.	1874
Blood, Sarah A.	"	Sec. 8	Farming	England	1842
Blood, John M.	Died April 30, 1876		Late husband of Sarah A. Blood	Vermont	1841
Byford, Wm. A.	Samsville	Sec. 26	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1850
Martha E. Crossen	"	Sec. 26	Wife of Wm. A. Byford	Cannon Co., Tenn.	1873
Buxton, William E.	"	Sec. 26	Physician and Surgeon	Scott Co., Ind.	1868
Alice C. Peters	"	"	Wife of William E. Burton	Edwards Co., Ill.	1860
Elizabeth Buxton (nee Crawford)	"	"	Mother of William E. Burton	Scott Co., Ind.	1868
Curtis, John	Albion	Sec. 33	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1826
Mahala Mounts	"	Sec. 33	Wife of John Curtis	Edwards Co., Ill.	1820
Curtis, Franklin	Samsville	Sec. 35	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1857
Mary Gawthorpe	"	Sec. 35	Wife of Franklin Curtis	Edwards Co., Ill.	1863
Curtis, Thomas	Albion	Sec. 33	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1836
Susan M. Gliek	"	Sec. 33	Wife of Thomas Curtis	Lehigh Co., Pa.	1857
Deischer, Debra B.	Samsville	Sec. 29	Farming	Wabash Co., Ill.	1871
Fildes, William	"	Sec. 23	Farmer	Lakeshire, Eng.	1838
Ann Hill	"	Sec. 23	Wife of William Fildes	Derbyshire, Eng.	1847
Fildes, William E.	"	Sec. 26	Farmer and Carpenter	Delaware Co., Pa.	1837
Sarah Standing	"	Sec. 26	Wife of William E. Fildes	Delaware Co., Pa.	1837
Fuller, Isaac J.	West Salem	Sec. 14	Farmer	Wabash Co., Ill.	1868
Eliza L. Greathouse	"	Sec. 14	Wife of Isaac J. Fuller	Edwards Co., Ill.	1848
Rebecca J. Fuller (nee Moore)	"	Sec. 14	Mother of Isaac J. Fuller	Orange Co., Ind.	1856
Frost, James P.	Maple Grove	Sec. 9	Farmer	Allen Co., Ky.	1860
Julia Shelby	"	Sec. 9	Wife of James P. Frost	Edwards Co., Ill.	1811
Greathouse, Francis	West Salem	Sec. 13	Farmer	Edwards Co., Ill.	1831
George Wright	Died Sept. 9, 1871		First wife of Francis Greathouse	Pennsylvania	
Sarah J. Shilling	West Salem	Sec. 13	Present wife of Francis Greathouse	Edwards Co., Ill.	1854

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Items in Brief

On Tuesday, Mrs. F. P. Sprague received word of the accidental death of her step brother, John M. SHEMELEY at Park Rapids, Minn. No particulars are known at this time. Mr. SHEMELEY had lived in Park Rapids for many years.

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Items in Brief

Word was received by relatives and friends in Albion Monday morning of the accidental death of John Boudinot of Belle Rive on Sunday morning. The Boudinot family were former residents of Albion. No details were given.

AJR 15 May 1941

Mrs. Anna Hopkins Lifelong Resident Died Monday

Mrs. Anna Hopkins, lifelong resident of Albion and one of this city's oldest native born residents, passed away at her home on So. Fourth street Monday after a week's illness. Death was due to pneumonia. She was aged 86 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Deceased, a daughter of Richard and Sarah Newton Horton, natives of England, was born in Albion on January 9, 1855. She was married to Arthur Hopkins who preceded her in death more than 30 years ago. They had no children.

For more than forty years she had occupied the same house on South Third street. For a number of years her nephew, Ben Horton and family had occupied the house with her and the companionship between her and the family of her nephew was close.

She was a member of the Christian church here. She was a lovable character to those who were fortunate to have known her.

Surviving is one brother, Albert P. Horton. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Emily Kimbrell and Miss Elizabeth Horton and five brothers, William, James, George, Ed and Harry.

Funeral services were conducted from Nale's Funeral Home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. P. M. Durham. Interment was at Albion cemetery.

AJR 22 May 1941

Wm. B. Reid Died Suddenly Monday Morn

William B. Reid, 70, former overseer of the county farm and well known farmer of West Village neighborhood, died suddenly at his home Monday morning following a heart attack. Mr. Reid had done his feeding and was preparing to go to the field to work when he was taken ill. A physician was summoned and he was given aid and he seemed to rally. The physician left to get different medicine and while he was gone Mr. Reid passed away. He was aged 70 years, 2 months and 27 days.

Funeral services were conducted from West Village church Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 by Rev. P. M. Durham, assisted by Rev. T. W. Overton, the pastor. Interment was at West Village cemetery.

Obituary

William Benjamin Reid, son of Oliver and Hannah Curtis Reid was born February 22, 1871, in Edwards county. He was converted and united with the West Village Christian church early in life. He was united in marriage to Gussie Bunting February 14, 1889. To this union were born three children, Rollie, Ina and Earl; Rollie, with the mother preceded him in death.

December 24, 1928, he was united in marriage to Josephine Davis of Mt. Carmel.

Left to mourn are a loving companion, one son, one daughter and one daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, two brothers, Henry E. and Vertice C. of Albion, two sisters, Kate Severns of Ellery and Lillie Guyot of Albion. Three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

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Mrs. Grant Balding Died at Home in Rutland the Past Week

Mrs. Grant Balding, 59, passed away at the family home in Rutland Monday, May 12. Mrs. Balding had been in failing health for a number of months tho recently had been improved and her last illness was of short duration. Deceased, a daughter of the late Amos and Ellen Newport Bunting, was born in Edwards county April 25, 1882. She is survived by her husband, Prof. Grant Balding, also a native of this county, a teacher here for many

years and county superintendent of schools for eight years; three sons and one daughter: Dr. Lawrence Balding of Manhattan, Kansas; Atty. Paul Balding of Alton; Mrs. Alonzo Sutton of Minonk and Willard Balding, who is completing a medical course in New Orleans. She leaves the following brothers: Jason Bunting of Pontiac; Everett and Henry Bunting of Albion; James Bunting of San Francisco, and a sister, Mrs. Geo. Abby of Ellery. A sister, Mrs. E. M. Raester of Albion passed away suddenly only a few weeks ago.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church at Rutland last Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the Rutland cemetery. The following relatives from here attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Raester, E. M. Raester, Henry Bunting and daughter, Miss Pearl; Miss Edna Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bunting and daughter Eva May, Mr. and Mrs. George Abby and daughter Mary Ellen.

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Mrs. Emily Flower, Well Known Grayville Resident, Died Friday

Mrs. Emily Flower, well known resident of Grayville, widow of the late Fred Flower passed away at her home there Friday afternoon. Mrs. Flower had been bed-fast for many months, having suffered a broken hip in a fall a year ago last February. She was 80 years of age.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at the Nash funeral home, conducted by the Rev. D. F. Marlin. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery, Grayville. The following life sketch was read during the service:

Emily Ann Flower, daughter of the late John and Eleanor Woodham Oxman, was born in the year 1861, in Edwards County, Illinois. Before her marriage to Frederick Flower she was one of Edwards county's successful teachers. Mr. Flower preceded her in death seven years ago.

Mrs. Flower was a member of the Grayville Presbyterian church and interested in all its activities, a teacher of the Truth Seekers Sunday school class for more than twenty years. She was a member of the Grayville Woman's Club, the Rebekah Lodge, an honorary member of the Royal Neighbors, an ardent supporter of the Red Cross. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. M. E. Finch of Poseyville, Ind., and a brother, John Oxman of Long Beach, California.

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Obituary

Anna H. Bunting, sixth child of James and Susan Hill Hunt was born near Albion on May 28, 1866. She was of a family of eight children, 4 boys and 4 girls. Two brothers, namely Christopher and John and two sisters Sarah Frances Price and Theresa Deisher and a half-brother, H. Seymour Madding preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage with Thomas Stafford Bunting of Albion on March 26, 1890. To this union was born 4 children, three sons and one daughter, all of whom survive.

In early youth she united with the McKendree Methodist church. Following her marriage, she joined her husband in the Christian church membership. With the organization of the Christian church at Mt. Erie, both Mr. and Mrs. Bunting became charter members of that church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunting were allowed to enjoy the companionship of each other more than fifty years; he having preceded her in death less than nine months ago.

She leaves to mourn her loss, one daughter, Theresa of Chicago; three sons, Robert of Compton, James and Hayward who reside near the old home; also one sister, Mary Elizabeth Doty of Crossville and one half-brother, Dekalb Madding of Mt. Erie. There are eight grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

AJR 27 Mar 1941

John J. Ewald of Wabash County Died Friday Morning

John Jacob Ewald, prominent Wabash county resident and well known here, died at his home near Mt. Carmel Friday morning after a long illness.

Mr. Ewald, for years engaged in farming, was a native of Wabash county, having been born on the Ewald place near Belmont on June 1, 1881, a son of George Conrad and Sarah Jane Seiler Ewald. He was at death aged 59 years, 9 months and 20 days.

He was married to Isabel Reynolds Metcalf in the St. John's Episcopal church in Albion, Nov. 23, 1904. She survives him, together with one daughter, Mrs. Richard Launer, of Mattoon, one grandson, John Edward Launer, and his mother and three brothers and five sisters: Mrs. Ida Gaddis, Weatherford, Okla.; Mrs. Ada Tucker, Urbana; Mrs. Grace Woodham, Winter Haven, Fla.; Ralph Ewald, Mt. Carmel; Mrs. Clara Alka, Mt. Carmel; Miss Edith Ewald, Castletown, Vt.; Fred W. Ewald, Hillsboro, and Rev. Ernest Ewald, Chicago.

His father and two brothers, Clarence U. and Paul George preceded him in death.

Mr. Ewald was a member of Zion Lutheran church and served on the church council for a number of years.

He was a member of the Mt. Carmel Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M., Mt. Carmel Chapter R. A. M., Mt. Carmel Council, Mt. Carmel B. P. O. E., of which he served as exalted ruler for a number of years, Modern Woodmen of America, was a charter member of the Farm Bureau, served two terms of three years each as a member of the board of county commissioners, was a board member of the Wabash Mutual and trustee of the Maud school district. Mr. Ewald had lived at the home where he died for 37 years.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from Zion Lutheran church, Mt. Carmel, in charge of Rev. Roland G. Riechmann. Burial was in Highland Memorial cemetery.

AJR 27 Mar 1941

WEST SALEM

Mrs. Emma Ginther Died Monday

Mrs. Emma Ginther passed away Monday morning at home of her daughter, Mrs. Hayes, west of town. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the local Evangelical church, Rev. J. N. Schaeffer officiating. Interment was in the Evangelical cemetery.

Emma Gehret Ginther, daughter of Nathan and Katie Deischer Gehret was born Dec. 14, 1859, and departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kate Hayes, March 24, 1941, having reached the age of 81 years, 3 months and 10 days. Dec. 4, 1879, she was united in marriage to Augustus Ginther and to this union five children were born, three, Eva Mae, Mary Ellen and Julia, Margaret having preceded her in death, also her husband who passed away Dec. 3, 1902, and her parents, six brothers and one sister. At the age of 18 she united with the Evangelical church at Lancaster. Mrs. Ginther was a loving mother and grandmother, loved by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her passing, two children, Mrs. Kate Hayes and Frederick Ginther, both of West Salem; one sister, Mrs. Andy Gimpel of Joliet; six grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, and a host of other relatives and many friends.

AJR 27 Mar 1941

C. M. Crawford Passed Away Sunday Morning

Charlie M. Crawford, resident of this community for many years passed away at his home on South Sixth street Sunday morning at 8:30. He had been in failing health for some time but had been bedfast only for the past several weeks. He was aged 80 years, 4 months and 25 days.

Funeral services were conducted from Ridge church on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. D. F. Marlin of Grayville, assisted by Rev. Paul E. Stevens of the Albion Methodist church. Interment was at Ridge cemetery.

Obituary

Charlie McLane Crawford, son of Franklin and Elizabeth Mary Crawford, was born near Crossville, November 5, 1860, and departed this life March 30, 1941.

On November 5, 1885, he was married to Sarah G. Dixon who preceded him in death, November 13, 1926. To this union were born eleven children, three of whom died in infancy and Mary who passed away Sept. 27, 1928.

The surviving children are: Joe, Willie, Elsie, Fred, Eva and Mrs. Maurice Medler, all of Albion, and James of Hammond, Ind. Seven grandchildren, one great grandson, a sister, Mrs. Rilla Robinson of Grayville, a brother, F. F. Crawford of Lexington, Ky., a number of nieces and nephews, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Crawford united with the Methodist church of Browns Chapel, but after moving to Albion some twenty-four years ago he transferred his membership to the Albion church and remained a loyal member as long as health permitted.

Mr. Crawford was a true Christian, a good citizen and neighbor, always ready to help those who called upon him. He loved his home and family and was often found in counsel with his children.

AJR 03 Apr 1941

Burial services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Grace-land cemetery for J. P. Osborn of Paducah, Ky., who passed away on Thursday, April 3rd, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. at his home in that city. Mr. Osborn served as a switchman in the R. R. yards in Paducah for thirty years. He is survived by the following child-

INTRODUCTION

Much information can be obtained from death records. In the State of Illinois, death records are maintained, on the county level, by the County Clerk of each county (the State of Illinois has also maintained a statewide registry of deaths since 1917). The registration of deaths in Edwards County, Illinois began in December of 1877. The mandatory registration of deaths in Edwards County, Illinois - as well as the entire State of Illinois - did not begin until 1 January 1917. Therefore, during this first forty-year period you will find that many deaths were not recorded. The earlier Death Registers do not contain as much information as the later ones. The later ones contain such additional information as: birthdate and birthplace of the deceased; and the names of the parents and the birthplace of each parent.

In order to give you an idea of when a death which is listed in this **chronological index** occurred, listed below is the approximate time period covered by each Death Book.

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Beginning in 1933, death records in Edwards County, Illinois are filed alphabetically in post binders. Each binder covers a time period of approximately 10 years. There is no index to the death records from 1933 to the present since they are filed, within each binder, alphabetically.

Copies of death records which are contained in this index can be obtained by writing to: **Edwards County Clerk**
Courthouse
50 East Main Street
Albion, IL 62806

Currently, **uncertified** copies of the death records can be obtained, by mail, for \$1.00 each. Please enclose a check, payable to the **Edwards County Clerk**, for the total due and enclose a long SASE with sufficient postage. Normally three or four pages can be mailed for the cost of a one-ounce stamp. **Certified** copies of death records cost more. Fees for certified copies are set by State Statute and an inquiry of the current charge for a certified copy of a death record should be directed to the County Clerk.

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I have enclosed a check to cover the cost of the above copies, at \$1.00 each; and an SASE in which to return them to me. Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cleveland civic leader credits life to traditions from Edwards Co.

22 apr 1992 a.j.
Dear Editor:

My name is Peter Morris; I'm 30 and live in Cleveland, Ohio. This is all I want to say about myself except this: I have had a tremendous privilege.

I have a friend, Rowena Woodham Jelliffe, who is a daughter of Albion, Illinois.

In fact, all of Cleveland has been privileged by her life and work here.

I could tell you here story and fill a book.

Rowena turns 100 this month and I think she would rather I speak of how she feels now than of what she has accomplished in 100 years of endeavor.

Rowena feels a deep gratitude and a tremendous fondness for Albion.

Rowena would like to say thank you to the place of her birth.

I asked her what made her feel this way, and this is only some of what she told me.

"I remember when I was about six, that there was a man who came around our street in the morning, and would put out the gas-fired lamps that burned at night. He also lit them at night.

"He was a big man and often smudged with soot. One morning as I dawdled by the front gate I asked him in the very bold way that only a child has: 'Do you like your job?'

"He replied, 'You're probably too young to understand this, but there are a lot of things that people will do in the dark that they will not do in the light, so you see, I think my job is terribly important.'"

This was in the year 1899.

This was the same year Rowena's father, John Franklin "Frank" Woodham, gave her a horse. The horse's name was Lady Madge.

Lady Madge came with

the message that she was Rowena's to ride and drive.

Lady Madge brought more than that. She was Rowena's loyal friend and a great comfort in times of trial and sadness.

This was the emotional drama of a century ago on a street named (X).

But Rowena also remembers the emotional resources that carried through the spirit of the whole town.

She recalls how it seemed that everyone understood; one's first job is to do one's best and to lead by example. Rowena felt that respect for youth was in the atmosphere. She must have breathed deep, for that respect sustains her to this day.

Rowena's memory goes back further still to the history of Albion. According to her, the founders of your town came from Surrey, England.

A number of them, fed up with agricultural taxes petitioned for a grant of land in the new world.

Thus was born the Flower-Birkbeck colony, so named for the families who went.

Rowena is descended from the Flowers.

Somewhere in her library is a book, and between its pages is pressed a passage billing for nineteen dollars, the price of a trip across the Atlantic a long time ago.

Rowena says those who left England came here to stay. They meant to farm the prairie with tools they brought with them.

Ten minutes with Rowena is enough to make you wonder if one of those original shovels isn't in her garage.

Rowena's grandfather fought in the Civil War. Apparently, he used to recount in grisly detail sto-

ries of his imprisonment in and subsequent escape from the Andersonville Prison, a notorious P.O.W. Camp in the Confederate States.

These talks would hold the rapt attention of all children within earshot until one of the women folk would finally walk in and demand that he "stop filling those children's heads with those horrible stories."

Her grandfather would let Rowena ride on the crossbar of his plow. He would fold his jacket and she would sit on it as the horses pulled.

Rowena's father was a County Clerk and was one of six men in town who had been to college. He could also identify a tree in the dark by the sound the leaves made under his feet as he walked through Churchill Woods.

Rowena recalled him doing this as they walked one evening to a party celebrating the raising of Joe Hallam's barn.

She remembers the women and all the food and someone rosining up their bow.

"Then," she says, "the dancing began."

When Rowena tells this story, the light in her eyes glows like this all happened last week. It's hard to believe that this light is coming across nearly a century. Equally amazing, is how brightly it burns for her hometown.

I cannot describe Rowena's stature in our community nor the respect I have for her personally.

Greater still is her gratitude to Albion, Illinois for giving her the foundation on which she built a truly wonderful life.

Peter Morris
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Roweena Jelliffe, Karamu founder dies in Cleveland at 100 years old

^{22 Apr. 1992, a.d.}
(from Cleveland Plain Dealer) 1992

Rowena Woodham Jelliffe, co-founder of Karamu House, died at home yesterday from a lingering illness. She celebrated her 100th birthday March 23.

In 1915, she and her late husband, Russell, started Karamu House, a pioneer among interracial community centers and a leader in nurturing black artists.

Jelliffe, a practical idealist who never stopped championing racial and sexual equality, always credited her childhood with instilling independence and dedication to democratic principals.

She grew up in Albion, Ill., a village transplanted from Surrey, England in the mid-19th century by people fleeing the injustices of the Corn Laws.

Her father was County Clerk of Edwards County and after his death in 1900, her mother became a rural mail carrier, an unheard-of job for a woman at that time.

The Jelliffe met as freshmen at Oberlin College in 1910 and were seldom apart until his death in 1980. "My husband and I came together on such a genuine level, sharing each other's needs," she said in a 1987 Plain Dealer interview. Both of them worked for women's suffrage as undergraduates.

Their dream of a community center "where people of different ethnic cultures could find common cause," as Jelliffe once put it, began in their senior year. After graduation,

they went to University of Chicago on scholarships for master's degrees in sociology. They worked at Hull House, and knew its legendary founder, Jane Adams.

They married and came to Cleveland in 1915, employed first by Second Presbyterian Church. The church was planning to move east, but wanted to do something to improve conditions in the neighborhood, then known as the Roaring Third.

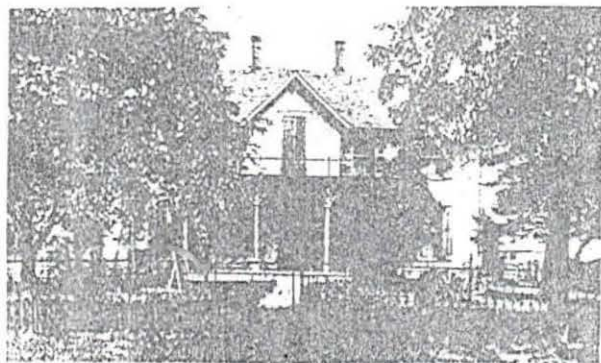
The Jelliffes bought row houses at 38 E. and Central Ave., calling them the Playhouse Settlement. It became an innovative place because all races were welcome, which they weren't at other settlement houses, and it offered education through the arts.

Not many people think of the arts as a teacher," Jelliffe said, "but it gives the deepest delight - the inner education of self."

While an undergraduate, she set out to "stump for suffrage speaking from the back of a truck for an equal rights group in Ohio. "The women by and large were

beautiful old battlers who knew how to fight and wore healthy shoes. I was the only feminine-looking one. I think my success in speaking was largely due to my appearance. But to stump for suffrage in this state! An old farmer in Wellington shouted to me, "Go home and mind your monthlies!" I got lots of insults, but you've got to expect it."

She and her future husband met Jane Adams, founder of Hull House, but did not share her desire to be peaceful. In 1926, at a conference at Wade Park Manor, then Cleveland's finest hotel, a black delegate, Constance Ridley, was asked not to use the dining room. "Miss Adams, who was attending the conference, offered to give Miss Ridley a meal in her own room. We thought it was a great opportunity to make them face the fact that Miss Ridley would eat in the dining room. We went marching in with her and that was the end of segregation in eating establishments in Cleveland. We always fought."



Woodham residence at 328 W. Main, burned down when Jerry Waite lived there, where Sil Seib lives now.

Rowena Jelliffe, 100

Albion native Rowena Woodham Jelliffe, 100, of Cleveland, Ohio, died within a few days after her 100th birthday on March 23, 1992.

Services were held in Cleveland.

Born March 23, 1892 in Albion, her parents were John Franklin "Frank" and Minnie Saxe Woodham. She was married to Russell Jelliffe, and in 1915 they founded Karamu House in Cleveland, a pioneer among settlement houses and a center for nurturing black artists.

Her father was a two-term County Clerk of Edwards County, and her mother was a substitute rural letter carrier after the death of her father during his third term in 1900.

She met her husband at Oberlin College in 1910 and both worked for women's suffrage as undergraduates. They obtained master's



degrees in sociology from University of Chicago and worked at Hull House, where they met founder Jane Adams.

When they retired from Karamu in 1963, they left it completely, "not wishing to be looking down people's necks." Her husband died in 1980.

She is survived by a son, an eminent cardiologist in Pasadena, Calif. and four grandchildren.

Luanna Gould of Bone Gap is a cousin.

Woodham

Monroe County, New York

Biographies

James Woodham

"Landmarks of Monroe County, NY"
(1895) Part III, p. 143 - 144

Woodham, James, was born in Sussex, England, December 8, 1828, and in 1849 came to America, locating in the town of Greece, where he engaged in farming and fruit growing. In 1852 he married Martha Langham of this town, formerly of England, and their children were: Frank, Rachel A., Ira, Edward J., Catharine P., Martha M., Nina J., and Laura D., who died aged seven. Rachel married William Babbage, and has four children: Rachael E., Clara L., Martha E., and J. William; Edward J. married Elzora House, and has five children: Jay, Lewis, Edward J., jr., Zilpha, and -----; Ira married Sarah A. Campbell, and has four children: Mabel, Randolph, Edna, and -----; Catherine married Lloyd Pierce, and had one son, Elmer, She died in her twenty-seventh year; Martha married the third time J. W. Stewart. She had one daughter by her first marriage. Mina B.; Nina J., married William H. Shaffer. Mrs. James Woodham died in 1880, and he married second in 1883 Elizabeth B. Barnes, of Parma. Mr. Woodham's father was born at the old home in England, in 1806, and he was a farmer by occupation. He married Edith Wren of his native place and they had thirteen children. They came to this country in 1850, locating in Greece. He died in 1890, and his wife February 19, 1895. Morgan L. Barnes, father of Mrs. Woodham, was born in 1805 in this State, married Elizabeth Knowlton, and had six children. He died in 1885 and his wife in 1893. The family is of British descent on both sides.

The Langford Family of Florida

Guy Robert LANGFORD

Sex: M

Birth: 04 FEB 1942 in Frostproof, Polk Co, FL

Death: 11 NOV 1983 in Winter Haven,, FL

Father: Marvin Waiman LANGFORD b: 14 MAR 1902 in Ft. Meade,
Polk Co, FL

Mother: **Eunice Susan WOODHAM**

Marriage 1 Phyllis Elaine WISE

Children

1. Tracy Renee LANGFORD
2. Guy Robert (Beau) LANGFORD

The Langford Family of Florida

Eunice Susan WOODHAM

Sex: F

Father: Arland Barber WOODHAM b: ABT 1885

Mother: Susan Ketruah MANN b: ABT 1890

Marriage 1 Marvin Waiman LANGFORD b: 14 MAR 1902 in Ft.
Meade, Polk Co, FL

Children

1. Betty Jean LANGFORD
2. Marvin Wayne LANGFORD
3. Guy Robert LANGFORD b: 04 FEB 1942 in Frostproof, Polk Co,
FL
4. Harriet Susan LANGFORD

LIZZIE ARTIA ARLIVIA MAUND

Sex: F

Birth: 17 JUL 1867

Death: 13 SEP 1946 in DeFuniak Springs, Walton Co., FL

Burial: 15 SEP 1946 Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Alaqua Walton FL

Father: Harvey Melvin MAUND

Mother: **Cynthia WOODHAM**

Marriage 1 Lewis Jefferson COSSON

Birth: 23 DEC 1863 in Westville Holmes FL

Death: 25 FEB 1936 in Walton FL

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Walton FL

Father: William Turner COSSON b: ABT 1811 in SC

Mother: Winifred Elinder LAIRD b: ABT 1825 in SC

Children

1. Harrison COSSON b: 12 SEP 1888 in DeFuniak Springs, Walton Co. FL.
Event: married three times no names for spouses.
2. Augustus Daniel COSSON b: 1 AUG 1893 in DeFuniak Spgs, Walton, FL
3. Jessie J. COSSON b: 1 NOV 1895 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
Death: 2 MAR 1944
married Lida Cannon.
4. Lewis COSSON b: 8 JUL 1900 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
Death: 7 OCT 1968
married to Nora Lucille Vickery. Misc

Augustus Daniel COSSON

Birth: 1 AUG 1893 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Death: 2 MAR 1944 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Burial: Magnolia Cemetery DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

WILL: 28 MAR 1944 Walton FL

Father: Lewis Jefferson COSSON b: 23 DEC 1863 in Westville, Holmes Co. FL Mother:
Lizzie Artia Arlivia MAUND b: 17 JUL 1867

Marriage 1 Ruth ADAMS b: 17 AUG 1897 in Kinston Coffee AL

Married: 23 JUN 1914 in Baker Santa Rosa FL

Children

1. Living COSSON

Descendants of Henry Drummond Smith

Byron Douglas (Douglas) Woodham

Name: Beverly Anne HADDIX

Sex: F

Birth: 11 OCT 1935 in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX

Note:

2. Beverly Anne HADDIX b. October 11, 1935 in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX. Beverly married 1/Doug WOODHAM March 14, 1957. This marriage ended in divorce. Beverlyly married 2/Jack BADGETT after 1963. This marriage ended in divorce. Beverly and Doug had the following children:

1. Laurie Denise WOODHAM b. November 10, 1958
2. Richard Alan WOODHAM b. June 14, 1960
3. Michelle Kaye WOODHAM b. January 15, 1963

Beverly Ann HADDIX ANCESTRAL RECORD:

Paternal:

(1) William Benjamin HADDIX and Earlene Virginia SMITH;

Belk Family Tree

Benjamin M. Alexander

Sex: M

Birth: 13 APR 1838 in Sumter Dist., SC

Death: 17 MAY 1864 in Darlington Co., SC

Event: Military ABT 1864 SC

Father: Abner M Alexander b: 25 JAN 1796 in Darlington Co., SC

Mother: Massey BELK b: 4 APR 1804 in Bishopville, Lee Co., SC

Marriage 1 Louisa Elizabeth Reynolds b: 25 JAN 1844 in Darlington Co., SC

Married: 1860 in Darlington Co., SC

Children

1. Charles Mitchell Alexander b: AFT 1860 in SC

Belk Family Tree

Abner M. Alexander, Sr.

Occupation: minister

Sex: M

Title: Rev.

Birth: 25 JAN 1796 in Darlington Co., SC

Death: 13 JUN 1871 in Sumter Co., SC

Father: John Alexander b: ABT 1775

Mother: **Mary Woodham** b: 1777 in Lenoir Co., North Carolina

Marriage 1 Massey BELK b: 4 APR 1804 in Bishopville, Lee Co., SC

Married: ABT 1817 in SC

Children

1. Aris Alexander b: ABT 1817 in Sumter Co., SC
2. Wesley Alexander
3. Abijah Elijah Alexander b: 1820 in Sumter Dist., SC
4. Mary Ann Myriam Alexander b: 4 MAR 1820 in Sumter Dist.,
5. Elizabeth Jane Alexander b: 27 FEB 1826 in Sumter Co., SC
6. John S Alexander b: ABT 1827 in Sumter Dist., SC
7. Israel Jefferson Alexander b: 5 FEB 1832 in Sumter Dist., SC
8. Martha S ALEXANDER b: 19 DEC 1833 in Sumter Dist., SC
9. Harriet M Alexander b: 1836 in Sumter Dist., SC
10. Benjamin M Alexander b: 13 APR 1838 in Sumter Dist., SC
11. Hartwell C Alexander b: ABT 1840 in Sumter Dist., SC
12. James Wesley Alexander b: 14 AUG 1842 in Sumter Dist., SC
13. Frances J Alexander b: ABT 1845 in Sumter Dist., SC
14. Massy M Alexander
15. Abner Alexander b: in SC
16. Henrietta Dupree Alexander b: 16 JUL 1850 in Sumter Dist., SC

Belk Family Tree

Henry Wilson Crosswell

Birth: 22 FEB 1874 in Timmonsville, SC

Death: 28 MAR 1938 in Florence, Florence Co., SC

Father: James E Garfield Crosswell b: 30 NOV 1846 in Lee Co., SC

Mother: Henrietta Dupree Alexander b: 16 JUL 1850 in Sumter Dist., SC

Marriage 1 Eula Inez Askins b: 7 JAN 1878 in Florence, Florence Co., SC

Married: 22 MAY 1902 in Sardis, SC

Children

1. Chessie LeRoy Crosswell b: 1 MAR 1903
2. Frances Henrietta Crosswell b: 6 APR 1904 in Hartsville, Darlington Co.,
3. John J Crosswell b: 21 JUN 1906
4. Alfred O'Neal Crosswell b: 23 JUN 1916
5. Teresa Crosswell

Buckner Ancestry

Eliza Ann Woodham

Benjamin Franklin BUCKNER

Birth: 1844 in Georgia

Father: Pleasant BUCKNER b: 18 Nov 1809 in Rowan County, North Carolina

Mother: Sarah ROSS b: in Georgia

Marriage 1 Eliza Ann WOODHAM b: 1849 in South Carolina

Married: 1867 in Unknown

Children

1. Mary E BUCKNER b: 1868 in Alabama
2. Sarah A E BUCKNER b: 1870 in Alabama
3. William J BUCKNER b: 1871 in Alabama
4. Collier A V BUCKNER b: 1872 in Alabama
5. Benjamin T BUCKNER b: 1874 in Alabama
6. Lanora A BUCKNER b: 1877 in Alabama
7. Susan F BUCKNER b: 1879 in Arkansas

Carpenter -- Mathews

Robert Edward (Bull) Marshall

Family name changed from Bull @ 1920

Marriage 1 **Elizabeth Woodham**

Children

1. Raymond Edward Marshall b: 22 NOV 1909 in Cedar Grove, Al
2. Sara Marshall
3. Alma Marshall
4. Nellie Marshall
5. John T Marshall , Sr.
6. Cody Jackson Marshall b: 15 MAR 1906
7. Lunie Marshall
8. Robert Marshall
9. Thomas Marshall
10. Noah Marshall

Carpenter -- Mathews

Raymond Edward Marshall

Birth: 22 NOV 1909 in Cedar Grove, Al

Death: 22 OCT 1995 in Gordon, Houston County, Al

Father: Robert Edward (Bull) Marshall

Mother: **Elizabeth Woodham**

Marriage 1 Dora Lee Jenkins

Children

1. Billy Mack Marshall , Sr.
2. Willie Alphas Marshall
3. Charles Edwin Marshall
4. Ed Comer Marshall
5. Rebecca Marshall
6. Joseph Earl Marshall

Carpenter -- Mathews

Ed Comer Marshall

living

Father: Raymond Edward Marshall b: 22 NOV 1909 in Cedar Grove, Al
Mother: Dora Lee Jenkins

Marriage 1 Sarah Hellen Dick

Children

1. Ed Kendall Marshall
2. Lori Michele Marshall

Carpenter -- Mathews

Lori Michele Marshall

living

Father: Ed Comer Marshall
Mother: Sarah Hellen Dick

Marriage 1 Aurther

Children

1. Benjamin Aurther
2. Brittany Aurther

Carpenter -- Mathews

Joseph Earl Marshall

Father: Raymond Edward Marshall b: 22 NOV 1909 in Cedar Grove, Al
Mother: Dora Lee Jenkins

Marriage 1 Betty Luverne Williams

Children

1. Rhonda Dale Winn
2. Terry Karl Winn
3. Abby Gayle Winn
4. Robin Scott Winn
5. Lynda Michele Marshall
6. Kimberley Jo Marshall

Carpenter -- Mathews

Rhonda Dale Winn

Sex: F

Father: Joseph Earl Marshall
Mother: Betty Luverne Williams

Marriage 1 David Lynn Watkins

Children

1. Lindsey Brooke Watkins
2. Jamison David Watkins

Carpenter -- Mathews

Terry Karl Winn

Sex: M

Father: Joseph Earl Marshall

Mother: Betty Luverne Williams

Marriage 1 Karen Jean Wood

Children

1. Kristopher Karl Winn
2. Jennifer Justin Winn

Carpenter -- Mathews

Abby Gayle Winn

Father: Joseph Earl Marshall
Mother: Betty Luverne Williams

Marriage 1 Eric Jerome Exum

Children

1. Ashley Elizabeth Exum
2. Erica Nicole Exum

Carpenter -- Mathews

Robin Scott Winn

Father: Joseph Earl Marshall
Mother: Betty Luverne Williams

Marriage 1 Tamara

Children

1. Preston Scott Winn

Marriage 2 Susan Norton

Children

1. Amanda Michele Norton

Carpenter -- Mathews

Kimberley Jo Marshall

Father: Joseph Earl Marshall
Mother: Betty Luverne Williams

Marriage 1 Robert Delano Mathews

Children

1. Robert Joseph Mathews

**Ancestors, Descendants and Allied Families of
Bobby G. Cormack & Kathleen D. Weber**

Elizabeth Ann Woodham

Benjamin Franklin BUCKNER

Birth: 9 MAY 1844 in Alabama

Death: 31 MAY 1902 in Center Township, Sebastian County,
Arkansas Liberty Cemetery, Greenwood, Arkansas

Father: Pleasant BUCKNER b: 18 NOV 1809 in Rowan County, NC

Mother: Sarah ROSS b: 1818 in Georgia

Marriage 1 **Elizabeth Ann WOODHAM** b: 2 AUG 1849 in Alabama

Married: BEF. 1867 in Alabama

Children

1. Mary BUCKNER b: 1867
2. S. L. BUCKNER b: 1869
3. Etta BUCKNER b: FEB 1882
4. Anna BUCKNER b: MAR 1884
5. Masis BUCKNER b: MAR 1887

Marriage 2 Nancy Odell RAY b: JUL 1879 in Arkansas

Married: 17 FEB 1897 in Sebastian County, Arkansas

Children

1. Wesley BUCKNER b: JAN 1898 in Center Township, Sebastian
County, Arkansas
2. Zetta BUCKNER b: SEP 1899 in Center Township, Sebastian
County, Arkansas

Elizabeth Grace Woodham

Father: Thomas Emberry Woodham b: 10 JUN 1878 in Stokes Bridge,
Darlington County, SC

Mother: Louella Mae Kelley b: 10 FEB 1883 in Sumter, SC

Married: 8 SEP 1940 in Austin, Texas

Marriage fact: divorce, 9 JUL 1969 in Houston, Harris County, Texas

Donald Ridlington Raish , Sr

Birth: 27 JAN 1915 in Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Death: 20 JUL 1984 in Austin, Travis County, Texas

Burial: 21 JUL 1984 Austin, Texas

Father: John Wesley Raish b: 25 MAY 1877 in Elk Point, Union County,
South Dakota

Mother: Josephine Ridlington b: 23 MAY 1882 in Dell Rapids,
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Marriage 1 Elizabeth Grace Woodham

Married: 8 SEP 1940 in Austin, Texas

Marriage fact: 9 JUL 1969 in Houston, Harris County, Texas

Marriage Ending Status: Divorce

Children

1. Donald Ridlington Raish , Jr
2. John Woodham Raish

Marriage 2 Mary Perkins

Married: 16 JAN 1972 in Liberty County, Texas

Donald Ridlington Raish , Jr

Father: Donald Ridlington Raish , Sr b: 27 JAN 1915 in Dell Rapids,
South Dakota

Mother: Elizabeth Grace Woodham

Marriage 1 Unknown (Raish)

Married: 1963

Children

1. Thomas Edward Raish

Marriage 2 Unknown Lancaster

Married: 1972

Children

1. Whitney Raish
2. Charles Wesley Raish

John Woodham Raish

Father: Donald Ridlington Raish , Sr b: 27 JAN 1915 in Dell Rapids,
South Dakota

Mother: Elizabeth Grace Woodham

Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown

Children

1. Andrew Sampson Raish
2. Peter Woodham Raish

Name: Frances 'Fannie' Woodham

Sex: F

Frances 'Fannie' Woodham

Father: Thomas Emberry Woodham b: 10 JUN 1878 in Stokes Bridge,
Darlington County, SC

Mother: Louella Mae Kelley b: 10 FEB 1883 in Sumter, SC

Marriage 1 Jerry Smith b: 10 JUL 1910

Children

1. Marshall Smith

2. Steven Barclay Smith b: 13 FEB 1946 in Wilmington, NC

3. Milton Smith

Steven Barclay Smith

Birth: 13 FEB 1946 in Wilmington, North Carolina

Death: 4 OCT 1999 in Newport, Florida

Burial: 7 OCT 1999 Steinhatchee, Florida (Waters Cem)

Father: Jerry Smith b: 10 JUL 1910

Mother: Frances 'Fannie' Woodham

Marriage 1 Suzanne (Smith)

Children

1. Trevor Barclay Smith

2. Jinsey Amber Smith

Sybil Bertram Woodham

Birth: 11 MAR 1906 in Stokes Bridge, Lee County, SC

Death: 10 MAR 1998 in Hartsville, South Carolina (Byerly Hospital)

Burial: 13 MAR 1998 Lydia, South Carolina (Mt Elon 2-102)

Father: Thomas Emberry Woodham b: 10 JUN 1878 in Stokes Bridge,
Darlington County, SC

Mother: Louella Mae Kelley b: 10 FEB 1883 in Sumter, SC

Marriage 1 Harry Edwin Kea , Sr b: 21 NOV 1900 in Oats, SC

Married: 27 OCT 1921 in Columbia, SC

Children

1. Vivian Theresa Kea b: 14 FEB 1923 in Oats, SC
2. Lois Carolyn Kea
3. Reginald Edwin Kea , Sr
4. Rupert Bernard Kea
5. Harry Edwin Kea , Jr
6. Jerry O'Dan Kea , Sr
7. Larry Fletcher Kea

Vivian Theresa Kea

Birth: 14 FEB 1923 in Oats, SC
Death: 6 AUG 1994 in Florence, SC (Bruce Hospital)
Burial: 8 AUG 1994 Lydia, SC (Mt Elon 2-103)

Father: Harry Edwin Kea , Sr b: 21 NOV 1900 in Oats, SC
Mother: Sybil Bertram Woodham b: 11 MAR 1906 in Stokes Bridge,
Lee County, SC

Marriage 1 John Boyd 'JB' Beasley b: 16 SEP 1920 in Lee County, SC

Married: 21 SEP 1941 in Darlington, SC

Children

1. Melanie Lynn Beasley
2. Andy Simpson Beasley

Melanie Lynn Beasley

Sex: F

Father: John Boyd 'JB' Beasley b: 16 SEP 1920 in Lee County, SC
Mother: Vivian Theresa Kea b: 14 FEB 1923 in Oats, SC

Marriage 1 Thomas Clarence Easterling

Married: 1962 in Hartsville, SC
Marriage Ending Status: Divorce

Children

1. Clark Thomas Easterling

Andy Simpson Beasley

Sex: M

Father: John Boyd 'JB' Beasley b: 16 SEP 1920 in Lee County, SC
Mother: Vivian Theresa Kea b: 14 FEB 1923 in Oats, SC

Marriage 1 Patsy Joyce Smith

Married: 1972 in Hartsville, SC

Children

Lois Carolyn Kea

Father: Harry Edwin Kea , Sr b: 21 NOV 1900 in Oats, South Carolina
Mother: Sybil Bertram Woodham b: 11 MAR 1906 in Stokes Bridge,
Lee County, SC
Marriage 1 Arlie J Connor

Married: 7 MAR 1946 in Darlington, SC

Children

1. Susan Connor

Susan Connor

Father: Arlie J Connor
Mother: Lois Carolyn Kea
Marriage 1 Wilbur Carlisle Ardis , Jr

Married: 1975

Children

1. Stacey Susanne Ardis
2. Carole Leigh Ardis
3. Wilbur Carlisle Ardis III

Carole Leigh Ardis

Father: Wilbur Carlisle Ardis , Jr
Mother: Susan Connor
Marriage 1 Jeremy Evans

Children

1. Taylor Evans

Harry Edwin Kea Sr.

Father: Harry Edwin Kea , Sr. b: 21 NOV 1900 in Oats, SC
Mother: Sybil Bertram Woodham b: 11 MAR 1906 in Stokes Bridge,
Lee County, SC
Marriage 1 Dorothy Grace Jeffords
Married: 29 DEC 1946 in Darlington, SC

Children

1. Dorothy Regina Kea
2. Betty Ann Kea
3. Deborah Karen Kea
4. Reginald Edwin Kea , Jr.

Dorothy Regina Kea

Father: Reginald Edwin Kea , Sr
Mother: Dorothy Grace Jeffords
Marriage 1 Clifton Lafoye Reynolds
Married: 8 JUN 1968 in Lydia, SC

Children

1. Gabriel Lane Reynolds

Betty Ann Kea

Father: Reginald Edwin Kea , Sr
Mother: Dorothy Grace Jeffords
Marriage 1 Albert Simon , Jr
Married: 1965 in Darlington, SC

Marriage 2 Richard Sparrow
Married: 1978 in Darlington, SC

Children

1. Amanda Grace Sparrow Skoler

Marriage 3 James Allen Skoler
Married: 1985 in Darlington, SC

Children

1. Jason Daniel Skoler
2. Amanda Grace Sparrow Skoler

Deborah Karen Kea

Father: Reginald Edwin Kea , Sr

Mother: Dorothy Grace Jeffords

Marriage 1 Jimmy Lavon Ham

Married: 2 MAR 1973 in Lamar, South Carolina

Children

1. Kari Lynn Ham
2. Kristin Marie Ham

Reginald Edwin Kea , Jr.

Father: Reginald Edwin Kea , Sr.

Mother: Dorothy Grace Jeffords

Marriage 1 Lisa Delane Stokes

Married: 17 MAY 1977 in Florence, SC

Children

1. Margaret Victoria Kea
2. Joshua Edwin Kea
3. Christopher Scott Kea

Rupert Bernard Kea

Father: Harry Edwin Kea , Sr b: 21 NOV 1900 in Oats, South Carolina
Mother: Sybil Bertram Woodham b: 11 MAR 1906 in Stokes Bridge,
Lee County, SC

Marriage 1 Clara Jane McCarter b: 23 JAN 1934 in Nebraska

Married: 1953 in Santa Clara, CA.

Children

1. Dominick Teresa McCarter b: 1953
2. Steven Michael Kea , Sr b: 30 DEC 1954 in Merced County, CA.
3. Patricia Ann Kea
4. Cynthia Ellen Kea

Steven Michael Kea , Sr

Birth: 30 DEC 1954 in Merced County, California
Death: 28 APR 1991 in Bakersfield, Kern County, California
Burial: 1 MAY 1991 Bakersfield, California
Father: Rupert Bernard Kea
Mother: Clara Jane McCarter b: 23 JAN 1934 in Nebraska

Marriage 1 Vaughn Treba Anderson

Married: 1973 in Kern County, California

Children

1. Steven Michael Kea , Jr
2. Season Rachelle Kea

Patricia Ann Kea

Father: Rupert Bernard Kea
Mother: Clara Jane McCarter b: 23 JAN 1934 in Nebraska
Marriage 1 Eddie Woods

Married: 1973

Children

1. Christopher Don Woods
2. Eddie Lee Woods
3. Joseph Riley Woods

Cynthia Ellen Kea

Father: Rupert Bernard Kea
Mother: Clara Jane McCarter b: 23 JAN 1934 in Nebraska
Marriage 1 Everett Leo Pruitt , Sr

Children

1. April Ann Pruitt
2. Thomas Lee Pruitt
3. Everett Leo Pruitt , Jr
4. Amy Lorraine Pruitt

April Ann Pruitt

Father: Everett Leo Pruitt , Sr.
Mother: Cynthia Ellen Kea
Marriage 1 Bobby Joe Smith , Jr.
Married: 1990 in Bakersfield, Kern County, California

Children

1. Bobby Joe Smith III

Harry Edwin Kea , Jr

Father: Harry Edwin Kea , Sr b: 21 NOV 1900 in Oats, SC
Mother: Sybil Bertram Woodham b: 11 MAR 1906 in Stokes Bridge,
Lee County, SC
Marriage 1 Milford Rowena Beasley

Married: 30 JUN 1956 in Lydia, South Carolina (Mt Elon)

Children

1. Harry Edwin Kea III
2. Dwaine Scott Kea
3. David Barry Kea

Harry Edwin Kea III

Father: Harry Edwin Kea , Jr.
Mother: Milford Rowena Beasley
Marriage 1 Sheila Renee McCarty

Married: 31 AUG 1985 in Columbia, SC

Children

1. Kelly Padgett Kea
2. Katherine Renee Kea

Dwaine Scott Kea

Father: Harry Edwin Kea , Jr
Mother: Milford Rowena Beasley
Marriage 1 Carla Ann Vernon

Married: 2 JUN 1991 in Columbia, South Carolina

Children

1. Jacob Douglas Kea

Jerry O'Dan Kea , Sr

Father: Harry Edwin Kea , Sr b: 21 NOV 1900 in Oats, South Carolina
Mother: Sybil Bertram Woodham b: 11 MAR 1906 in Stokes Bridge,
Lee County, SC

Marriage 1 Elma Lou Anderson

Married: 30 JUN 1957 in Savannah, Georgia

Children

1. Cynthia Lee Kea
2. Jerry Dan Kea , Jr.

Cynthia Lee Kea

Father: Jerry O'Dan Kea , Sr.
Mother: Elma Lou Anderson
Marriage 1 Robert Hayne Rabon , Jr.

Married: 1978 in Sumter, SC

Children

1. Danny Daniel Rabon
2. Emily Elizabeth Rabon

Jerry Dan Kea , Jr

Father: Jerry O'Dan Kea , Sr.
Mother: Elma Lou Anderson
Marriage 1 Marilyn Diane Caldis

Married: 9 JUL 1994 in Concord, Contra Costa County, California

Children

1. Julia Diane Kea

Larry Kea Family

Harry Delmas Woodham

Birth: 31 OCT 1908 in Stokes Bridge, Lee County, South Carolina
Death: 15 JAN 1983 in Downers Grove, du Page, Illinois
Burial: 15 JAN 1983 Clarendon Hills, Illinois (Clarendon Hills Cem)

Father: Thomas Emberry Woodham b: 10 JUN 1878 in Stokes Bridge,
Darlington County, SC
Mother: Louella Mae Kelley b: 10 FEB 1883 in Sumter, SC
Marriage 1 Harriet Lyles b: 5 APR 1910 in Darlington, SC

Children

1. Kenneth Liles Woodham

Kenneth Liles Woodham

Father: Harry Delmas Woodham b: 31 OCT 1908 in Stokes Bridge,
Lee County, SC
Mother: Harriet Lyles b: 5 APR 1910 in Darlington, SC

Marriage 1 Janice Purches

Married: 23 MAY 1971

Children

1. Laura Ann Woodham
2. Michael Robert Woodham

Larry Kea Family

Eloise Woodham

Father: Thomas Emberry Woodham b: 10 JUN 1878 in Stokes Bridge,
Lee Co., SC

Mother: Louella Mae Kelley b: 10 FEB 1883 in Sumter, SC

Marriage 1 Willie Clifton Galloway , Sr b: 23 APR 1917 in Darlington,

Married: 1938 in Darlington, SC

Children

1. James Allen 'Jimmy' Galloway b: 30 SEP 1939 in Darlington, SC
2. Judy Galloway
3. Mary Lou Galloway
4. Sandra Galloway
5. Willie Clifton Galloway , Jr

James Allen 'Jimmy' Galloway

Birth: 30 SEP 1939 in Darlington, South Carolina

Death: 9 NOV 2000 in Darlington, South Carolina

Burial: 12 NOV 2000 Darlington, South Carolina (Philadelphia)

Father: Willie Clifton Galloway , Sr b: 23 APR 1917 in Darlington,

Mother: Eloise Woodham

Marriage 1 Faye Huggins

Children

1. Ricky Galloway
2. Cindy Galloway

Willie Clifton Galloway , Jr

Father: Willie Clifton Galloway , Sr b: 23 APR 1917 in Darlington, SC

Mother: Eloise Woodham

Marriage 1 Karen Susan Hobbs

Married: 1975 in Darlington, South Carolina

Children

1. Travis Galloway

Marriage 2 Debbie (Galloway)

Married: 1982 in Darlington, South Carolina

Larry Kea Family

Debbie Woodham

Father: Clinton Abbott Woodham

Mother: Ethel Middleton

Marriage 1 Jeff Johnson

Married: 13 MAY 1983

Children

1. Jeffrey Johnson
2. Zachary Johnson

Larry Kea Family

Thomas McKeiver 'Mack' Woodham

Father: Thomas Emberry Woodham b: 10 JUN 1878 in Stokes Bridge,
Darlington Co., SC

Mother: Annie Belle Grantham b: 10 MAR 1913 in Darlington, SC

Marriage 1 Betty Howle

Married: 10 JAN 1964

Children

1. Sheila Woodham
2. Paul Jeffrey Woodham

Sheila Woodham

Father: Thomas McKeiver 'Mack' Woodham

Mother: Betty Howle

Marriage 1 Gary Evan Morrell , Sr.

Children

1. Gary Evan Morrell , Jr.

Paul Jeffrey Woodham

Father: Thomas McKeiver 'Mack' Woodham

Mother: Betty Howle

Marriage 1 Charlene Stokes

Children

1. Heather Marie Woodham
2. Paul Jeffrey Woodham , Jr

Marriage 2 Stacie Banks

Children

1. Gillum Ronald Woodham

Larry Kea Family

Douglas Morrison Woodham

Father: Brockington Graham Woodham

Mother: Joan Morrison

Marriage 1 Dalya Inhaber

Children

1. Elizabeth Inhaber Woodham
2. Abigail Inhaber Woodham

Ray, Hollis, Kinfolks

Norman Vadis Woodham

Possible living individual, Information withheld.

Father: Elzie Vadis (E. V.) Woodham
Mother: Norma Elizabeth Scarbrough

Marriage 1 Frances Earline Foret

Children

1. James Vadis Woodham

**My Family
[Woodham -- Skipper]**

Sarah Jacqueline SKIPPER

Father: John Jackson SKIPPER
Mother: Jessie Mae WOODHAM b: 25 Jul 1908 in LaGrange,
Troup County, Ga
Marriage 1 Alton Lee MINTER
Children
1. Cheryl Ann MINTER
2. John Jackson MINTER
3. Amy Crystal MINTER
4. Alton Lee Minter JR.
5. Jesse Skipper MINTER

Cheryl Ann MINTER

Father: Alton Lee MINTER
Mother: Sarah Jacqueline SKIPPER
Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown

Children
1. Jessica Rae DAUGHTERY
2. Christopher Marion DAUGHTERY
3. Tyler David HUDSON

John Jackson MINTER

Father: Alton Lee MINTER
Mother: Sarah Jacqueline SKIPPER

Marriage 1 Cheryl HOLLY
Children
1. John Holly MINTER
2. Carla Yuvone MINTER

Marriage 2 "Jan" Janet Marie LOVE
Children
1. Kathy Marie MINTER
2. Amber Dee MINTER
3. "Tony" John Anthony MINTER
4. "J. J." John Jacob MINTER

My Family
[Woodham -- Skipper]

Amy Crystal MINTER

Father: Alton Lee MINTER
Mother: Sarah Jacqueline SKIPPER

Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown

Children

1. Matthew Douglas PITTMAN
2. Michael Sherrets ERICKSON
3. Jessie Ruth ERICKSON
4. Crystal Beth PITTMAN
5. Hannah Claire ERICKSON
6. Katie Leigh LAMBERT

Alton Lee Minter JR.

Father: Alton Lee MINTER
Mother: Sarah Jacqueline SKIPPER

Marriage 1 MAKI

Children

1. Austin MINTER
2. Becky MINTER

Hollowell Family

Martha Joyce Whigham

Birth: 8 NOV 1952 in Mobile, Alabama
Death: 12 SEP 1982 in Mobile, Alabama
Burial: 15 SEP 1982 Serenity Gardens Cem, Mobile, Alabama
Change Date: 29 NOV 2000 at 00:00:00

Father: Porter Toxie Whigham b: 26 DEC 1901 in Geneva County, Al.
Mother: Lela Mae Patrick b: 30 JAN 1921 in Simms Chapel,
Washington County Al.

Marriage 1 Gene Woodham

Children

1. Jeremy Gene Woodham
2. Jamie Lynn Woodham

Jeremy Gene Woodham

Father: Gene Woodham
Mother: Martha Joyce Whigham b: 8 NOV 1952 in Mobile, Alabama
Marriage 1 Jennifer Moore

Children

1. Jessica Lynn Woodham
2. Josiah Woodham
3. Angel Marie Woodham

Jamie Lynn Woodham

Father: Gene Woodham
Mother: Martha Joyce Whigham b: 8 NOV 1952 in Mobile, Alabama
Marriage 1 Bradley Meriwether Butler
Married: 30 JAN 1999 in Mobile, Alabama

Children

1. Tyler Anderson Butler

Marriage 2 Spouse Unknown

Children

1. Destin Lane Woodham

Banks Families of the U.S. of European Ancestry

George Iram Banks

Birth: 20 Sep 1871 in Appling, Columbia Co., Ga.

Death: 24 Feb 1944 in Augusta, Richmond Co., Ga.

Note: Birth info from 1880 census. *

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1880 census Columbia Co., GA. ED 17, p 11. Dist 17. Iram Banks, WM 9, b. GA, parents b. GA. Living w/parents.

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1900 census Columbia Co., GA. ED 5, p 2. Dist 129. George I. Banks, WM 28, b. Sep 1871, farmer, m'd 2 yrs, b. GA, parents b. GA. Living w/him: wife Gertrude J. and son Frank. Also present: John E. Woodam, WM 60, b. GA.

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1910 census McDuffie Co., GA. ED 45, p 6. Thomson. George I. Banks, WM 38, house carpenter, first marriage, m'd 12 yrs, b. GA, father b. SC, mother b. GA. Living w/him: wife **Gertrude**, children Frank, Fred and 3 others.

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1920 census Richmond Co., GA. ED 95, p 11. Augusta. 1823 Watkins St. George I. Banks, WM 48, carpenter, b. GA, father b. SC, mother b. GA. Living w/him: wife Gertrude and 4 children.

Father: John David Banks b: 3 Dec 1830 in Ga.

Mother: Virginia C. Young b: 23 May 1836 in Ga.

Marriage 1 **Gertrude Josephine Woodham** b: 30 Jul 1876 in Greene Co., Ga.

Children:

1. Beatrice Banks b: 1898 in Ga.
2. Gertude Banks b: 1898 in Ga.
3. Frank Wynn Banks b: 3 Sep 1899 in Ga.
4. Ruby Banks b: 1901 in Ga.
5. John Frederick Banks b: 3 Sep 1902 in Ga.
6. Lila Mae Banks b: 1 Nov 1904 in Ga.
7. Wallace Eugene Banks b: 31 Jul 1906 in Thomson, McDuffie Co., Ga.
8. Roy Spurgeon Banks b: 3 May 1908 in Thomson, McDuffie Co., Ga.
9. George Iram Banks b: 1910 in Thomson, McDuffie Co., Ga.
10. Irma Virginia Banks b: 15 Apr 1913 in Thomson, McDuffie Co., Ga.

Marriage 2 Margaret Ann

Banks Families of the U.S. of European Ancestry

Lila Mae Banks

Birth: 1 Nov 1904 in Georgia

Death: 1964 in Augusta, Richmond Co., Georgia

Note: Birth date from correspondent Betty Keenan. Birth state from census. *

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1910 census McDuffie Co., GA. ED 45, p 6. Thomson. Lila M. Banks, WF 5, b. GA, parents b. GA. Living w/parents.

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1920 census Richmond Co., GA. ED 95, p 11. Augusta. 1823 Watkins St. Lila W. Banks, WF 15, b. GA, parents b. GA. Living w/parents.

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Death date from Betty Keenan.

Father: George Iram Banks b: 20 Sep 1871 in Appling, Columbia Co., Georgia

Mother: **Gertrude Josephine Woodham** b: 30 Jul 1876 in Greene Co., Georgia

Marriage 1 Living Wells

Children

1. John Spoffard Wells b: 1923
2. William Ervin Wells b: 1929

Banks Families of the U.S. of European Ancestry

Wallace Eugene Banks

Birth: 31 Jul 1906 in Thomson, McDuffie Co., Ga.

Death: 31 May 1960 in Augusta, Richmond Co., Ga.

Note:

Birth info from correspondent Betty Keenan. *

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1910 census McDuffie Co., GA. ED 45, p 6. Thomson. Wallace Banks, WM 3, b. GA, parents b. GA. Living w/parents.

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1920 census Richmond Co., GA. ED 95, p 11. Augusta. 1823 Watkins St. Wallace Banks, WM 13, b. GA, parents b. GA. Living w/parents.

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Death info from Betty Keenan.

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Mother: **Gertrude Josephine Woodham** b: 30 Jul 1876 in Greene Co., Ga.

Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown

Children

1. Dorothy Ethel Banks b: 1926 in Augusta, Richmond Co., Ga.
2. George Eugene Banks b: 30 Apr 1934

Banks Families of the U.S. of European Ancestry

Roy Spurgeon Banks Sr.

Birth: 3 May 1908 in Thomson, McDuffie Co., Ga.

Death: 18 Aug 1982 in Savannah, Chatham Co., Ga.

Note:

Birth info from correspondent Betty Keenan. *

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1910 census McDuffie Co., GA. ED 45, p 6. Thomson. Roy Banks, WM 1, b. GA, parents b. GA. Living w/parents.

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1920 census Richmond Co., GA. ED 95, p 11. Augusta. 1823 Watkins St. Raufe Banks, WM 11, b. GA, parents b. GA. Living w/parents.

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Death info from Betty Keenan. The Social Security Death Index indicates he was living in Savananah, GA in year of death.

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Mother: Gertrude Josephine Woodham b: 30 Jul 1876 in Greene Co., Ga.

Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown

Children

1. Roy Spurgeon Banks b: 1935

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Larry Kea Family

Paul Jeffrey Woodham Sr.

Father: Thomas McKeiver 'Mack' Woodham

Mother: Betty Howle

Marriage 1 Charlene Stokes

Children

1. Heather Marie Woodham
2. Paul Jeffrey Woodham , Jr.

Marriage 2 Stacie Banks

Children

1. Gillum Ronald Woodham

Blackman - Farmer Roots

Margelyn Etta GAUSE

Sex: F

Father: James Preston GAUSE b: 09 NOV 1913

Mother: Emily Sybil LAMB

Marriage 1 **James WOODHAM**

Children

1. Mark WOODHAM

Watson-Henderson-Ard-Holley-Collinsworth

Lydia Levinia (Munn) Woodham Hill C. COSSON

Birth: 8 JUN 1843 in AL
Death: 12 NOV 1931 in DeFuniak Springs, Walton Co. FL.
Burial: Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Walton Co., FL
Census: 1900 Walton FL
Census: 1920 Walton FL
WILL: Walton FL

Father: William Turner COSSON b: ABT 1811 in SC
Mother: Winifred Elinder LAIRD b: ABT 1825 in SC

Marriage 1 **Lydia Levinia (Munn) WOODHAM** b: 23 OCT 1841 in
DeFuniak Springs, Walton Co., FL.
Death: 6 FEB 1929 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
Burial: Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Walton FL

Children

1. William Jasper COSSON b: 24 AUG 1870 in Lucedale, George MS
2. Mary Francis COSSON b: 3 JUL 1873 in DeFuniak Springs, Walton Co. FL
3. Emma COSSON b: 29 NOV 1874 in DeFuniak Spgs, Walton, FL
4. Nancy Lue Anner COSSON b: 1 JUL 1879 in DeFuniak Spgs, Walton
5. Hazer COSSON b: 27 MAY 1882 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Watson-Henderson-Ard-Holley-Collinsworth

William Jasper Cosson

Birth: 24 AUG 1870 in Lucedale, George, MS,
Death: 17 JUL 1961 in DeFuniak Springs, Walton Co., FL.
Burial: Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Walton Co., FL
Census: 1900 Walton FL
Census: 1910 Walton FL

Father: Hill C. COSSON b: 8 JUN 1843 in AL
Mother: **Lydia Levinia (Munn) WOODHAM** b: 23 OCT 1841 in
DeFuniak Spgs, Walton FL

Marriage 1 Rachel Elizabeth HENDERSON b: 18 NOV 1874 in
DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Married: 4 APR 1896 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Children

1. William Preston HENDERSON b: 1 APR 1894
2. Willie Coy COSSON b: 19 AUG 1900 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
3. Agnes COSSON b: AUG 1898 in Walton FL
4. Living COSSON
5. Jeremiah Joel COSSON b: 24 JAN 1904 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton
6. Living COSSON
7. Annie Lou COSSON b: 30 AUG 1913 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
8. Living COSSON

Willie Coy COSSON

Birth: 19 AUG 1900 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
Death: 10 JUN 1977 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
Father: William Jasper COSSON b: 24 AUG 1870 in Lucedale George MS
Mother: Rachel Elizabeth HENDERSON b: 18 NOV 1874 in DeFuniak Spgs
Walton

Marriage 1 Bertha B. JONES b: 17 FEB 1906 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton

Married: 19 DEC 1926

Children

1. Wayne Clevester COSSON b: 8 JAN 1936 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton

Watson-Henderson-Ard-Holley-Collinsworth

William Preston HENDERSON

Birth: 1 APR 1894

Death: 26 JUL 1967 in Okaloosa Co., FL.

Burial: Pilgrams Rest Cemetery, Okaloosa Co.,FL

Census: 1920 Walton FL

Father: William Jasper COSSON b: 24 AUG 1870 in Lucedale, George Co.,
MS

Mother: Rachel Elizabeth HENDERSON b: 18 NOV 1874 in DeFuniak Springs,
Walton Co., FL

Marriage 1 Willie Mae (HENDERSON) b: 5 JUN 1898

Agnes COSSON

Birth: AUG 1898 in Walton FL

Death: JAN 1982 in Walton FL

Marriage - Tyner McDonald

??? (living) COSSON

Marriage 1 Living JONES

Children

1. Hillard Cecil COSSON b: 23 JAN 1927 in Walton FL

Death: 2 DEC 1993 in Panama City Bay FL

Marriage 1 Living HENDERSON

Watson-Henderson-Ard-Holley-Collinsworth

Jeremiah Joel COSSON

Birth: 24 JAN 1904 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Death: MAR 1986 in Walton FL

Father: William Jasper COSSON b: 24 AUG 1870 in Lucedale, George, MS

Mother: Rachel Elizabeth HENDERSON b: 18 NOV 1874 in DeFuniak Spgs
WaltonFL

Marriage 1 Kizzie Elizabeth INFINGER b: 17 JUN 1902 in Walton FL

Annie Lou COSSON

Birth: 30 AUG 1913 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Death: 29 NOV 1936 in Walton FL

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Walton FL

Watson-Henderson-Ard-Holley-Collinsworth

Emma COSSON

Birth: 29 NOV 1874 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
Death: 11 FEB 1967 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
Burial: 13 FEB 1967 Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Walton FL
Father: Hill C. COSSON b: 8 JUN 1843 in AL
Mother: **Lydia Levinia (Munn) WOODHAM** b: 23 OCT 1841 in Walton Co.
Marriage 1 Ezekiel NOWLING b: 25 OCT 1877 in Crenshaw Co., AL
Married: 2 JUL 1895 in Walton Co., FL

Children

1. Myrtle NOWLING
2. Lydia NOWLING
3. Goldie NOWLING
4. Melvin NOWLING b: 1896 in Walton FL
5. Jim NOWLING b: 7 OCT 1932
6. Living NOWLING
7. Purvis (Perve) NOWLING b: 14 FEB 1898 in Walton FL
8. Harley Hilliard NOWLING b: 8 MAR 1896 in Walton FL
9. Living NOWLING
10. Living NOWLING
11. Edna NOWLING b: 1895 in Walton FL
12. Living NOWLING

Harley Hilliard NOWLING

Birth: 8 MAR 1896 in Walton FL
Death: APR 1976
Burial: Piney Grove Baptist Church Hwy 87 N 8 mi from Sampson, Coffee AL
Social Security: states date of birth 8 Mar 1898
Father: Ezekiel NOWLING b: 25 OCT 1877 in Crenshaw AL
Mother: Emma COSSON b: 29 NOV 1874 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
Marriage 1 Sally (Nancy) PAYNE
Married: ABT 1920 in Elba Coffee AL

Marriage 2 Commellar (NOWLING) b: 16 APR 1898

Children

1. Cupedine NOWLING b: 28 SEP 1923 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL
2. Willy NOWLING b: 1922
3. Living NOWLING
4. Living NOWLING
5. Palacy NOWLING b: 1930

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Jim NOWLING

Birth: 7 OCT 1932

Death: 4 AUG 1936 in Walton FL

Burial: Oak Ridge Walton FL / Nowling Cemetery Eglin Reservation

Purvis (Perve) NOWLING

Birth: 14 FEB 1898 in Walton FL

Death: 4 JAN 1994

Burial: Lime Springs Cemetery Geneva AL

Father: Ezekiel NOWLING b: 25 OCT 1877 in Crenshaw AL

Mother: Emma COSSON b: 29 NOV 1874 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Marriage 1 Annie BOWERS b: 18 NOV 1904

Goldie NOWLING

Father: Ezekiel NOWLING b: 25 OCT 1877 in Crenshaw AL

Mother: Emma COSSON b: 29 NOV 1874 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Marriage 1 ??? (living) YATES

Watson-Henderson-Ard-Holley-Collinsworth

Mary Francis COSSON

Birth: 3 JUL 1873 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Death: 10 NOV 1937 in Walton FL

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Walton FL

Father: Hill C. COSSON b: 8 JUN 1843 in AL

Mother: **Lydia Levinia (Munn) WOODHAM**

Marriage 1 Jesse J. CASWELL b: 29 OCT 1865

Nancy Lue Anner COSSON

Birth: 1 JUL 1879 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Death: 1 SEP 1886 in Walton FL

Burial: Alaqua Steele Church Cem DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Father: Hill C. COSSON

Mother: **Lydia Levinia (Munn) WOODHAM**

Hazer Cosson

Sex: F

Birth: 27 MAY 1882 in DeFuniak Spgs Walton FL

Death: 20 MAR 1963 in Walton FL

Burial: Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Walton FL

Father: Hill C. COSSON

Mother: **Lydia Levinia (Munn) WOODHAM**

Marriage 1 Malcolm ADKISON b: 1 JAN 1891

Married: JUN 1909

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Families of Boyett, King, Norwood, Strickland,
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Lawrence Butler

Birth: SEP 1860 in Covington Co., AL

Father: Green Butler b: 9 DEC 1833 in AL

Mother: Nancy Ann E. Boyett b: 6 SEP 1839 in AL

Marriage 1 **Martha A. Matilda Woodham** b: 1862 in AL

Married: 1880 in Covington County, AL

Children

1. Rebecca Ann Sohpronia Butler b: BET. 1880 - 1885 in Covington Co., AL
2. Ealie L. Butler b: MAR 1884
3. Emanuel Butler b: OCT 1887
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**Ancestors, Descendants and Allied Families of Bobby
G. Cormack & Kathleen D. Weber**

Kathleen Cormack

Eliza Ann MILLER

Sex: F

Birth: 3 AUG 1837

Death: ABT. 1885 in Minden, Webster Parrish, La.

Father: D. L. MILLER

Mother: Isabel _____

Marriage 1 Robert Edward Lee WOODHAM b: 29 DEC 1830

Married: 13 OCT 1859

Children

1. Mary Isabel WOODHAM b: 9 AUG 1860 in Near Echo, Dale County, Alabama
2. Sarah Lovelia WOODHAM b: 21 JUN 1862 in Near Echo, Dale County, Alabama

Marriage 2 Zachariah R. KEA b: 11 FEB 1825 in Darlington County, South Carolina

Married: JUL 1865 in Dale County, Alabama

Children

1. Emma KEA
2. Minnie KEA
3. Rosa KEA
4. Thomas David KEA b: 15 OCT 1866 in Dale County, Alabama
5. Asbary KEA b: 16 MAY 1868 in Minden, Webster Parish, La.
6. Hoyl KEA b: 13 APR 1870 in Minden, Webster Parrish, La.
7. Eliza Ann KEA b: 19 NOV 1872 in Webster Parish, La.

Thomas David KEA

Birth: 15 OCT 1866 in Dale County, Alabama

Death: 4 OCT 1936 in Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, La.

Father: Zachariah R. KEA b: 11 FEB 1825 in Darlington County, SC

Mother: Eliza Ann MILLER b: 3 AUG 1837

Marriage 1 Jerusha HODGES b: 1868

Married: 1897 in La.

Children

1. Ira KEA b: 26 SEP 1897 in La.
2. Sydney KEA b: 2 NOV 1899 in La.
3. Andy KEA

Eliza Ann KEA

Sex: F

Birth: 19 NOV 1872 in Webster Parish, La.

Father: Zachariah R. KEA b: 11 FEB 1825 in Darlington County, SC

Mother: Eliza Ann MILLER b: 3 AUG 1837

Marriage 1 William Henry DAVIS b: 15 JUN 1868 in Webster Parish, La.

Married: 16 DEC 1891 in Webster Parish, La.

Children

1. Rosie Ethel DAVIS b: 19 NOV 1892 in Webster Parish, La.
2. Lester Luther DAVIS b: 1893 in Webster Parish, La.
3. Nicey Sue DAVIS b: 17 OCT 1896 in La.

Laverne Louis Pope

Sex: M

Birth: 21 AUG 1911 in Darlington Co. South Carolina

Death: 8 JAN 1966 in Lydia, Darlington Co. SC.

Burial: Wesley Chapel Church, Lydia, SC.

Father: William Edward Pope b: 20 SEP 1881 in Darlington Co.

Mother: Leila Geneva Buie b: FEB 1885 in Darlington Co.

Marriage 1 Lila Mea Jones b: 15 JUN 1914 in Darlington Co.

Married: 31 OCT 1931 in Darlington Co. South Carolina

Children

1. Edward L. Pope

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Father: Laverne Louis Pope b: 21 AUG 1911 in Darlington Co.

Mother: Lila Mea Jones b: 15 JUN 1914 in Darlington Co

Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown

Children

1. Edward L. Pope

Vera Andrews

Birth: 13 OCT 1911 in Darlington Co. South Carolina
Death: 26 FEB 1992 in Darlington Co. South Carolina
Burial: Newman Swamp Church, Lamar, SC.

Father: Clyde William Andrews b: 10 SEP 1884 in Darlington Co.
Mother: Ollie Lee Thomas b: 3 MAR 1890 in Darlington Co.
Marriage 1 Webber Derrick Parnell b: 6 DEC 1904 in Darlington Co.

Children

1. Robert Alexander Parnell
2. Hubert Frank Parnell

William Francis Andrews

Birth: 17 JAN 1914 in Darlington Co. South Carolina
Death: 24 AUG 1980

Father: Clyde William Andrews b: 10 SEP 1884 in Darlington Co.
Mother: Ollie Lee Thomas b: 3 MAR 1890 in Darlington Co.
Marriage 1 Annie Marie Lloyd

Grace Andrews

Father: Clyde William Andrews b: 10 SEP 1884 in Darlington Co.
Mother: Ollie Lee Thomas b: 3 MAR 1890 in Darlington Co.
Marriage 1 William Frank Alexander

Cora Lee Andrews

Birth: 30 APR 1916 in Darlington Co. South Carolina
Death: 14 APR 1989 in Darlington Co. South Carolina
Burial: Philadelphia Church, Oates, SC.

Father: Clyde William Andrews b: 10 SEP 1884 in Darlington Co.
Mother: Ollie Lee Thomas b: 3 MAR 1890 in Darlington Co.

Marriage 1 Frank Rogers Truett b: 18 APR 1922 in Darlington Co.
Children

1. Betty Jean Truett
2. Linda Dianne Truett

Elias Murray Andrews

Birth: 18 JUN 1861 in Darlington Co.
Death: 27 AUG 1937 in Darlington Co.
Burial: Indian Branch Church, Darlington Co. SC.

Father: Elias B. Andrews b: 1829 in Darlington Co.
Mother: Rutha M. Knotts b: 1834

Marriage 1 Martha Idella Davis b: 25 APR 1866 in Darlington Co.

Married: 28 DEC 1882

Children

1. William McIver (Marck) Andrews b: 11 Oct 1883 in Darlington Co.
2. James Roland Andrews b: 12 NOV 1884 in Darlington Co.
3. May Belle Andrews b: 22 OCT 1886 in Darlington Co.
4. Lelia Marguett Andrews b: 8 JUN 1888 in Darlington Co.
5. John Wesley Andrews b: 31 JAN 1890 in Darlington Co.
6. Benjamin Franklin Andrews b: 13 NOV 1892 in Darlington Co.
7. Ernest Perry Andrews b: 1 SEP 1894 in Darlington Co.
8. Fred David Andrews b: 26 FEB 1896 in Darlington Co.
9. Ellis Cuyler Andrews b: 30 NOV 1897 in Darlington Co.
10. Lillian Pauine Andrews b: 6 APR 1898 in Darlington Co.
11. Elma Henrietta Andrews b: 22 FEB 1900 in Darlington Co.
12. Elias Murray Andrews b: 16 APR 1902 in Darlington Co.
13. Bonnie Kate Andrews b: 16 APR 1902 in Darlington Co.
14. Sue Andrews b: 5 OCT 1903 in Darlington Co.
15. Henry Cade Andrews b: 3 SEP 1906 in Darlington Co.
16. Mattie Marie Andrews
17. Edelle Andrews b: 20 SEP 1909 in Darlington Co.
18. Lawrence Coker (Jack) Andrews b: 22 APR 1911 in Darlington Co.

Edward Hearon

Birth: 29 JAN 1808 in Darlington Co. SC

Death: 28 MAY 1889 in Mayhew, Lowndes Co. Miss.

Burial: Mayhew, Lowndes Co. Miss.

Father: Daniel Hearon b: 2 AUG 1782 in Dobbs Co, NC

Mother: Eleanor (Ellen) Woodham b: 30 SEP 1783 in Dobbs Co, NC

Marriage 1 Jane Adeline Moore b: 26 OCT 1816 in Alabama

Married: 25 FEB 1836

Children

1. Hilery A. Hearon b: 1837 in Miss.
2. William Hearon b: CIR 1838 in Miss.
3. Henry Preston Hearon b: 31 JUL 1840 in Miss.
4. Finis Ewing Hearon b: 11 JUL 1842 in Miss.
5. Ann E. Hearon b: CIR 1845 in Miss.
6. Mary D. Hearon b: CIR 1846 in Miss.
7. Austin Elias Hearon b: CIR 1849 in Miss.
8. Edward Francis Hearon b: 28 FEB 1850 in Miss.
9. Uriah Joseph Hearon b: 7 MAR 1852 in Lowndes Co. Miss.
10. Charles DeWitt Hearon b: 12 MAY 1856 in Miss.
11. Irene Hearon b: 1858 in Miss.

Henry Preston Hearon

Birth: 31 JUL 1840 in Ms.

Death: 27 OCT 1916 in Artesia, Lowndes Co. Ms.

Burial: Artesia, Ms.

Father: Edward Hearon b: 29 JAN 1808 in Darlington Co. SC

Mother: Jane Adeline Moore b: 26 OCT 1816 in Alabama

Marriage 1 Carrie A. b: 17 SEP 1844 in Alabama

Children

1. Mona Hearon b: 24 FEB 1866
2. Carleton E. Hearon b: CIR 1869
3. Willie C. Hearon b: CIR 1872
4. Velma Hearon b: 18 FEB 1874
5. Zelenia Hearon b: CIR 1877

Edward Francis Hearon

Birth: 28 FEB 1850 in Miss.

Death: 25 MAY 1913 in Brooksville, Noxubee Co. Miss.

Burial: Brooksville, Noxubee Co. Miss.

Father: Edward Hearon b: 29 JAN 1808 in Darlington Co. SC

Mother: Jane Adeline Moore b: 26 OCT 1816 in Alabama

Marriage 1 Laura Ann Locke b: 17 MAR 1859 in Miss.

Children

1. Laura A. Hearon b: 1873 in Miss.

2. Lora Hearon b: 1879 in Miss.

Uriah Joseph Hearon

Title: Rev.

Occupation: minister

Birth: 7 MAR 1852 in Lowndes Co. MS.

Death: 12 JUL 1935 in Freestone Co. Texas

Father: Edward Hearon b: 29 JAN 1808

Mother: Jane Adeline Moore

Marriage 1 Susan A. Locke b: 10 DEC 1856

Children

1. Thomas E. Hearon
2. Mira A. Hearon b: in MS.
3. Charley V. Hearon b: in MS.
4. Joseph F. Hearon b: in MS.
5. Finis E. Hearon b: in MS.
6. Bruce E. Hearon b: in MS.
7. Clayton L. Hearon b: in MS.
8. Anne Belle Hearon b: 1877 in MS.
9. Ina Hearon b: 1880 in MS.
10. Uriah Joseph Hearon b: 8 MAY 1889 in Mayhew, Lowndes Co. MS.
11. Finis Hearon b: 17 SEP 1892 in MS.

Marriage 2 Mary Jane Ashmore

Married: 1894

Children

1. E. Leslie Hearon b: 3 OCT 1895
2. Mary Irene Hearon b: 26 NOV 1898

Marriage 3 Cora C. Lewis b: 1863

Married: 27 NOV 1905

Anne Belle Hearon

Birth: 1877 in MS.

Death: 1933 in Los Angeles, Co. Calif.

Father: Uriah Joseph Hearon b: 7 MAR 1852 in Lowndes Co. MS.

Mother: Susan A. Locke b: 10 DEC 1856

Marriage 1 Allie Shelton

Children

1. Maxine Shelton
2. Allie Shelton

Ina Hearon

Birth: 1880 in MS.

Father: Uriah Joseph Hearon b: 7 MAR 1852 in Lowndes Co. MS.

Mother: Susan A. Locke b: 10 DEC 1856

Marriage 1 Enos P. Baker

Children

1. Louise Baker
2. Evelyn Baker

Uriah Joseph Hearon, Jr.

Birth: 8 MAY 1889 in Mayhew, Lowndes Co. MS.

Death: 11 FEB 1969 in Texas

Father: Uriah Joseph Hearon b: 7 MAR 1852 in Lowndes Co. MS.

Mother: Susan A. Locke b: 10 DEC 1856

Marriage 1 Stella Fitzpatrick Sims b: 27 FEB 1893

Married: 8 MAY 1912

Children

1. Stella Virginia Hearon
2. Joe Mack Hearon
3. Madalyn Hearon
4. Duane Sims Hearon
5. Marion Heard Hearon
6. Christella Hearon b: 1 SEP 1929

Finis Hearon

Sex: M
Birth: 17 SEP 1892 in Mississippi
Death: 22 DEC 1918

Mary Irene Hearon

Birth: 26 NOV 1898

Father: Uriah Joseph Hearon b: 7 MAR 1852 in Lowndes Co. Ms.
Mother: Mary Jane Ashmore

Marriage 1 Lawrence Odam Ballard

Children

1. Lawrence Odam Ballard
2. Wanda Jo Ballard
3. Bobby Ballard

Rachel Hearon

Birth: 1810 in Darlington Co. SC

Death: MAY __ 1859 in Columbus, Lowndes Co. MS.

Burial: Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Ms.

Father: Daniel Hearon b: 2 AUG 1782 in Dobbs Co, NC

Mother: Eleanor (Ellen) Woodham b: 30 SEP 1783 in Dobbs Co, NC

Marriage 1 Joseph Fenet b: 1800

Married: 15 APR 1830

Children

1. Charles Eugene Fenet b: CIR 1837 in MS.
2. Mary Fenet b: 1840 in MS.
3. Edward Moultris Fenet b: CIR 1843 in MS.
4. Eliza Fenet b: 1846 in MS.
5. John Fenet b: 1848 in MS.
6. Frank Fenet b: 1850 in MS.

Isaac Hearon

Birth: 1815 in Darlington Co. SC

Father: Daniel Hearon b: 2 AUG 1782

Mother: Eleanor (Ellen) Woodham b: 30 SEP 1783

Marriage 1 Ann M. Collins b: 10 MAY 1823

Married: 19 FEB 1856

Marriage 2 Sarah A. Ward

Married: 9 DEC 1867

Children

- 1. Carrie Hearon b: 1869 in Mississippi**
- 2. Annie Hearon b: 1871 in Mississippi**
- 3. Charlie Hearon b: 1877 in Mississippi**

Isaac Hearon

Sex: M

Birth: 1816 in Darlington Co. SC

Father: Daniel Hearon b: 2 AUG 1782

Mother: Eleanor (Ellen) Woodham b: 30 SEP 1783

Marriage 1 Melissa A. b: 9 OCT 1825 in Halifax Co. North Carolina

Children

1. Elizabeth Rebecca Hearon b: 19 AUG 1848
2. Daniel S. Hearon b: 1849
3. James Hamilton Hearon b: 24 JUL 1853

Marriage 2 Mary Carlisle

Children

1. Robert E. Lee Hearon b: 1865 in Mississippi

Lois Carolyn Kea

Father: Harry Edwin Kea b: 21 NOV 1900 in Darlington Co.
Mother: Sybil Bertram Woodham b: 11 MAR 1906 in Lee Co.
Marriage 1 Arlie J. Connor

Children

1. Susan Connor

Susan Connor

Father: Arlie J. Connor
Mother: Lois Carolyn Kea

Marriage 1 Wilbur Carlisle Ardis

Children

1. Stacey Susanna Ardis
2. Carole Leigh Ardis
3. Wilbur Carlisle Ardis

Raymond Wayne Woodham

Father: Thomas Edward 'Ed' Woodham b: 1 OCT 1924 in Lamar, SC
Mother: Mary Lou Townsend b: 5 JUL 1929 in Baker County, Georgia

Marriage 1 Laura Jean (Woodham)

Children

1. Rachel Lauren Woodham
2. Andrew Wayne Woodham
3. Caitlin Leigh Woodham

Marilyn Woodham

Father: Thomas Edward 'Ed' Woodham b: 1 OCT 1924 in Lamar, SC
Mother: Mary Lou Townsend b: 5 JUL 1929 in Baker County, Georgia

Marriage 1 Unknown Alvarez

Married: 1964

Children

1. Richard Darin Alvarez

Marriage 2 Unknown Pearce

Married: 1977

Children

1. Mary Kellyn Pearce
2. Mathew Thomas 'Mat' Pearce

Kelly Jeanine Woodham

Sex: F

Father: Thomas Edward 'Ed' Woodham b: 1 OCT 1924 in Lamar, SC

Mother: Mary Lou Townsend b: 5 JUL 1929 in Baker County, Ga.

Marriage 1 Lennel Grayson Cason , Jr

Children

1. Grayson Edward Cason
2. Rebekah Kathleen Cason

John Thomas Woodham

Sex: M

Father: Thomas Edward 'Ed' Woodham b: 1 OCT 1924 in Lamar, SC

Mother: Mary Lou Townsend b: 5 JUL 1929 in Baker Co., Ga.

Marriage 1 Barbara Jean (Woodham)

Children

1. Michael Thomas Woodham
2. Jonathan Scott Woodham
3. Kristin Renee Woodham

Larry Kea's Family Records

Rufus A Mixon , Jr

Birth: 25 JAN 1859 in Darlington, SC

Death: 19 MAR 1894 in Stokes Bridge, SC

Burial: 20 MAR 1894 Stokes Bridge, SC (Hebron 182#1)

Father: Rufus A Mixon , Sr b: 1827 in Darlington, South Carolina

Mother: **Mary Woodham** b: 1827 in Stokes Bridge, Darlington County, SC

Marriage 1 Elizabeth A. 'Bettie' Smith b: 1864 in Darlington, SC

Married: 1884 in Darlington, SC

The Cline & Shipe Family

James Edgar DeVilbiss

Father: Herbert Wesley DeVilbiss b: 1 APR 1895

Mother: Ethel Virginia Carbaugh b: 16 JUL 1911

Marriage 1 **Annette Lorraine Woodham**

Married: ABT. 1950

Children

1. Jackie DeVilbiss
2. Teresa Gwen DeVilbiss

Families in the Deep South

Jan Allison

Levi N. Tew

Birth: 14 FEB 1852 in Pike Co. AL

Death: 21 APR 1932 in Pike Co. AL

Burial: Pike Co. AL

Change Date: 15 OCT 2000 at 18:09:35

Father: Allen Tew b: 5 JAN 1818 in Sampson Co. NC

Mother: Sarah "Sallie" Benton b: 9 NOV 1823

Marriage 1 **Nancy A. Woodham** b: MAR 1853

Married: ABT 1872

Children

1. Sarah Ida Tew b: 16 SEP 1873 in Pike Co. AL
2. Ada Tew b: 19 JAN 1877 in Pike Co. AL
3. Minnie Tew b: DEC 1879 in Pike Co. AL
4. Della Tew b: 25 JUL 1885 in Pike Co. AL
5. Augusta Tew b: 10 JUN 1888 in Pike Co. AL
6. Tura Tew b: 7 SEP 1890 in Pike Co. AL

Descendants of Thomas Kea

Frank Melton

Lonnie Mon Sewell

Sex: M

Birth: 10 NOV 1884

Death: 23 JUL 1965

Father: James Rance Sewell

Mother: **Nancy Winifred (Winnie) Woodham** b: 1857 in Dale Co. Alabama

Marriage 1 Minnie Irvin Baxley b: 9 JUL 1885 in Geneva Co, Alabama

Married: 7 JAN 1907

Children

1. Danny Sewell b: 10 FEB 1909 in Houston Co. Alabama
2. Gladys Sewell b: 13 FEB 1912 in Houston Co. Alabama
3. Clyde Sewell
4. Leon Sewell
5. Rudolph Sewell
6. Ralph Sewell
7. Edna Ruth Sewell
8. Evelyn Bell Sewell

Clyde Sewell

Father: Lonnie Mon Sewell b: 10 NOV 1884

Mother: Minnie Irvin Baxley b: 9 JUL 1885 in Geneva Co, Alabama

Marriage 1 Bessie Irelle Cutchen

Children

1. Virginia Sewell
2. Don Sewell

Marriage 2 Estelle

Leon Sewell

Father: Lonnie Mon Sewell b: 10 NOV 1884

Mother: Minnie Irvin Baxley b: 9 JUL 1885 in Geneva Co, Alabama

Marriage 1 Loraine Braggs

Children

1. Marie Sewell
2. Ann Sewell
3. David Sewell

Rudolph Sewell

Father: Lonnie Mon Sewell b: 10 NOV 1884

Mother: Minnie Irvin Baxley b: 9 JUL 1885 in Geneva Co, Alabama

Marriage 1 Earline Odom

Children

1. Linda Sewell
2. Debbie Sewell
3. Stacey Lynn Sewell

Ralph Sewell

Father: Lonnie Mon Sewell b: 10 NOV 1884

Mother: Minnie Irvin Baxley b: 9 JUL 1885 in Geneva Co, Alabama

Marriage 1 Lanis Clark

Children

1. Mayon M. Sewell
2. Charles Sewell
3. Johnnie Sewell

Edna Ruth Sewell

Father: Lonnie Mon Sewell b: 10 NOV 1884

Mother: Minnie Irvin Baxley b: 9 JUL 1885 in Geneva Co, Alabama

Marriage 1 Howard Maallister

Children

1. Donna Maallister
2. Sue Maallister
3. Jamie Maallister
4. Lawrence Sewell Maallister
5. Sandy Denise Maallister

Evelyn Bell Sewell

Father: Lonnie Mon Sewell b: 10 NOV 1884

Mother: Minnie Irvin Baxley b: 9 JUL 1885 in Geneva Co, Alabama

Marriage 1 Hugh Maallister

Children

1. Kathy June Maallister
2. Danny Maallister
3. Lorrie Maallister
4. Nancy Maallister